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## JAIL 100 LONG BEACH WORKERS

### GIGANTIC DEMONSTRATION GREETSS HUNGER MARCHERS TO SAN FRANCISCO; PREPARE FOR FEBRUARY FOURTH!

**Sixty Thousand Workers Elect 536 Delegates to Press Demands on Government; One Hundred Thousand Line Market Street in Great Ovation**

**Rolph Meets Marchers Surrounded by Machine Guns, Sawed-off Shotguns and Military; Refuses Demands But Asks All to Listen to Speech; Marchers Refuse**

#### COUNCILS CALL FOR SHARP FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER

Mass Organizational Work in  
Neighborhoods, Bread Lines  
and Agencies Planned

Despite the trickery of Governor Rolph, terrorism of city authorities, supported by American Legion gangs in the various towns along the line of march, the State Hunger March converged upon San Francisco on January 11 to stage the biggest demonstration of unemployed workers ever held in the state.

The thousands of workers who participated in the monster demonstration told the bosses in no uncertain manner that they are tired of the unbearable conditions foisted upon them; tired of the deceit and trickery of boss politicians, and are ready to fight for immediate cash relief and unemployment insurance.

The enthusiastic support of the Hunger March by the workers proved the workers realize the need of, and are ready for organization. The Unemployed Councils must intensify their fight according to the plan of work adopted by the convention which followed the Hunger March demonstration. In this manner the organizational work will receive new impetus and the forward drive generated by fresh forces will enable the Unemployed Councils to be transformed into genuine mass organizations.

Classes to train new members must be organized as an integral part of the plan.

#### PLAN OF WORK

While basing the plan of work upon important campaigns for un-

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#### JAILED WORKERS WIN VICTORY IN SEATTLE TRIAL

Tricks of the Prosecution Fail to  
Prejudice Jurors Against  
Four Militants

SEATTLE, Jan. 10.—The session of the trial of the Seattle workers, arrested in the Anti-War Demonstration, held Nov. 21, was brought to a close with a verdict of "Not Guilty," after defense witnesses testified to being brutally beaten by the police and witnessing equally brutal police attacks on the four defendants. The jury's verdict in favor of the workers was brought in in spite of the legal tricks of the prosecution and attempts of the judge to prejudice the jury.

The four were arrested on the charge of "unlawful assembly" and "3rd degree assault," but the first charge was dropped when the prosecutor was forced to admit that this charge was a violent suppression of the right to use the streets and free speech.

#### 25,000 LISTEN TO MARCH LEADERS; 5,000 TO ROLPH

Audience at Rolph Platform Give  
Ovation to Marchers and  
Boo Rolph's  
Speech

In the greatest outpouring of militant labor yet seen in California, one hundred thousand San Francisco workers packed Market Street to cheer the Hunger Marchers on January 11th. 536 delegates from all parts of the state and about 4,000 San Francisco workers marched to the State Building to receive an answer from Governor Rolph to the demands for unemployment relief previously submitted to him. The delegates had been elected by 60,000 workers in all parts of the State.

The central streets of the city bristled with armed guards. A squadron of sixty mounted police and four hundred foot were mobilized. Uniformed police were stationed every hundred feet along the line of march. All traffic was tied up for two hours. The Civic Center was a teeming mass of workers who gave the marchers a wild ovation as they reached the square.

#### Try to Awe Marchers With Terror Display

Governor Rolph, on a specially built platform in front of the State Building, surrounded by hundreds of uniformed and plain clothes police, manning machine guns and sawed-off shotguns, asked to speak to the unemployed delegates. Back of him, in the entrance to the State Building, were barricades and the windows on either side carried green blinds behind which were machine guns. Machine guns were also mounted on the roof of the State Building.

#### No Speeches Wanted From Rolph

Heading the march was a sign which read, "Gov. Rolph, your speeches do not feed our families." As the parade swung past the State Building the workers shouted slogans and sang the "International." They proceeded to Marshall Square with 25,000 workers following. Rolph held an opposition meeting at the State House and through loudspeakers and radio addressed a crowd of about 5,000. As he told about the efforts that the Communist Chest and other fake charities were making to relieve the unemployed, his own audience boomed.

On Marshall Square the huge mass of workers were addressed from three stands and a delegation was elected to go to the Governor and receive his answer to the demands of the Hunger Marchers. With splendid discipline the workers stood around the platforms while the delegation went to see Gov. Rolph. He refused to meet the mass delegation but offered to read his speech over the radio. The delegation refused to listen and called upon the assemblage to (Continued on P. 2, Col. 1)

#### REGISTER NOW FOR FALL VOTE

California Voters Registration  
Now On; Non-Citizen  
Militants Urged to  
Get Papers

In a call issued by the Communist Party Election Campaign Committee of District 13, it is urged that every militant worker and poor farmer should immediately register or make other necessary preparations to qualify to vote in the Fall election.

#### REGISTER NOW

Registration in California begins on January 1st and will continue throughout the next few months. Those workers who are not citizens and cannot register to vote should immediately try to secure naturalization papers. Naturalization papers which qualify citizens to vote this year must be obtained prior to June 1st. This means that to get naturalization papers steps must be taken immediately by every non-citizen.

#### FIGHT FOR DEMANDS

The statement declares, "The elections this year offer a splendid opportunity to the workers to voice their protest against the tremendous misery brought on by hunger, terror and imperialist war preparations. State elections this year take place for President and Vice President, for one United States senator to replace Senator Shortridge, for two members of Congress for the 4th and 5th Congressional Districts to replace Florence P. Khan and Richard J. Welch. State elections also take place for members of the Assembly in the 20th to 28th Assembly Districts inclusive.

The tremendous obstacles placed in the way of nominating militant working class candidates will require every ounce of energy and every resource at the command of the revolutionary labor movement. It is for this reason that immediate registration as a voter is urged upon every militant worker and farmer.

#### 300 Workers Join Communist Party at Convention

Declaring themselves ready to fight shoulder to shoulder with their militant fellow workers, 350 workers joined the Communist Party at the State Unemployed Convention.

The convention was held on January 11 at California Hall, right after the Hunger March.

After 200 applications had been taken, the chairman declared that the convention would continue. So great was the enthusiasm that he was greeted with vigorous protests all over the hall from workers who had not yet had time to fill out their cards. The business of the convention had to be delayed while 150 more signed up. This was the answer the workers gave to Rolph's insults and trickery.

#### KIDNAP MINERS; LYNCHING FEARED; STRIKE SPREADING

KENTUCKY, Jan. 15.—The latest development of boss terror in the mine fields is the kidnapping of two organizers of the United Miners Union, Weber and Duncan. They have been taken from Kentucky to Tennessee, where there is great danger they may be lynched. No word of their fate at the hands of the hired murderers of the mine bosses can be obtained.

Mass arrests of Harlan County miners are being made and the terror under which these workers and their families have been living increases daily. The miners are meeting these cut-throat tactics of the bosses by a rapid spreading of the strike.

Workers from all over the country are sending telegrams to the governors of Kentucky and Tennessee demanding the immediate surrender of Weber and Duncan, and a drive for increased strike relief has been started.

#### MILITANT WORKERS FORCE S. P. RY. TO SUSPEND WAGE CUT

Bosses Using Mass Lay-offs to  
Scare Workers to Accept 15  
Per Cent Wage Cut

Though the threatened January 21 wage cut of 15 per cent has been suspended through fear of the railroad workers' militancy and resistance to the vicious cut, the Southern Pacific Company bosses are now using mass lay-offs to club the workers into accepting the cut later.

The most recent report from the Bay Shore Shop of their tactics to intimidate militant workers is that 40 more workers have been put out of their jobs in the last two weeks. Twenty boiler makers and twenty he-pers were fired.

Apprentices and helpers are being forced to do the work of boiler makers for pay that averages from 30c to 54c per hour. The consequent speed-up and inefficiency has increased accidents to an alarming extent.

There were formerly 1,500 workers in the Bay Shore Shop—there are now 700. The company plans to frighten the remaining skeleton crew into believing their jobs and even the rich railroad is doomed if they don't get into a receptive mood for the cut. However, the workers recognize these tactics of their slimy bosses, and are rapidly mobilizing into the fighting Railroad Workers Industrial League. The cynical policy of the S. P. bosses, which strikes with misery and starvation at the worker's family, is well understood and is being answered by the workers.

At the regular meeting of the Shop Craft Association (Company Union) of the Southern Pacific Company, held at 44 Page Street on January 7, over 100 workers, representing all the Bay shops and roundhouses, refused to listen to the fakers who tried to urge the workers to accept the company wage cuts.

Price, General Chairman of Pacific Lines (Company Unions), who receives a salary of \$350 and expenses from the workers, and is supposed to represent their interests, clearly exposed himself as being a company tool when he tried to fend the company on every issue.

The workers asked Price to guarantee that the company would give them four days of work if they accepted a 10 per cent wage cut. But Price proved his renegade, cowardly nature by saying that a four-day-week guaranty would force the company to lay-off the crews now (Continued on P. 3, Col. 5)

#### Police Charge Picket Line; 14 Workers Jailed

Bosses Seek to Terrorize Striking  
Workers With Framed-Up  
Vagrancy Arrest

A framed-up charge of vagrancy was used by the San Francisco Cloak Co., located at 130 Kearny Street, to arrest fourteen needle trade workers on the picket line on Kearny Street, Friday morning, January 14, and the arrested strikers held on \$1,000 bail. In this attack the police were aided by the company's chief scab, Horowitz, who was out on the line pointing out to the cops those workers the company wanted arrested. During the arrests he made the statement that he "was fighting the Communist Party, not the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union," under whose leadership the strike is being carried on in protest against a 15 per cent wage cut.

Four of the arrested strikers were released on bail by the International Labor Defense and the case against all fourteen was dismissed the next morning. But immediately after the dismissal of the case, five of the workers were re-arrested in the court room for refusing to salute the flag, in spite of the fact that the judge had no legal right to demand this flag salute.

His action is a piece of vicious persecution designed to weaken the strength of the striking needle trades workers, and is an example of the cut-throat methods of the capitalist courts when the interests of the boss class must be protected. San Francisco workers are demanding the instant release of the five strikers.

The company is also attempting to frame the secretary and two other members of the union by causing their arrest on the trumped up charge of bombing the house of one of the scabs.

#### OUTRAGEOUS BAIL

Bail has been placed at the outrageous figure of \$10,000 apiece.

The members of the striking unions are carrying on the strike with added militancy, as witnessed by the masses of workers on the picket line the next morning. Their determination to carry on the struggle until they win all of their demands from the bosses has only been strengthened by this show of force and police terror. The San Francisco Cloak Company cannot hope to break up the fighting ranks of the workers with police clubs.

#### 1500 WORKERS IN SEATTLE FIGHT TO FREE 4 MILITANTS

Courts Forced to Release Four  
Workers Arrested in Anti-  
War Meeting

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The first day of the trial brought forth many important testimonies of workers who had been brutally beaten by the police.

The defendants were held on the charge of "3rd degree assault" and "unlawful assembly." However, this last charge was withdrawn when the prosecutor was forced to admit that this charge was a violent suppression of the right to use the streets and free speech.

#### Force Hearing Petition

During the trial, Ann Frommer, District Organizer of the International Labor Defense League, at-

#### CHINESE SOVIET ARMY BESIEGES KIANGSI CAPITAL

Manchurian Situation Reveals  
War Move of Imperialists  
Against U. S. S. R.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 17.—The siege of Nanchang, capital of Kiangsi province, by a Chinese Soviet army, continued today. Efforts of Nanking government troops to raise the siege were futile.

Protests against the Japanese control of the Chinese bourgeois "puppet" government took place throughout China. In Peiping, Martial Law was declared after 300 students raided newspaper offices in search of Japanese manufactured newsprint paper, and had placed one editor, charged with using Japanese paper, on public display in a wooden cage.

These protests represented the efforts of British and American controlled groups to overstep the latest Japanese coup, in which Japan again wrested control of the Chinese governmental machinery from the Americans and British. The frenzied auction sale in which the Chinese bourgeois cliques have been selling China to the highest bidder is now glaringly exposed.

A move is now on foot to restore Chiang Kai Shek to power, following what must have been a new bid from the American imperialists. It was this same Chiang, formerly head of the Nationalist government, who recently sold out, under pressure to Japan, the United States, fighting back, removed Chiang, and affected a new government set up, with a reconciliation with the British controlled Canton "rebel" clique. This new group, headed by Lin Sen, again sold out to the Japanese.

It is clear that the imperialist struggles between Japan, the United States and Britain, have now sharpened to the point where open hostilities between the three can be avoided only by the temporary solution of joint participation in the further dismemberment of China and a joint campaign against the Chinese Soviets and the U. S. S. R.

In line with this policy, a Japanese controlled Chinese "puppet" army is driving on Pihnsien in North Manchuria, now held by the last Chinese Nationalist troops in Manchuria. Following the ousting of the Nationalist troops from Pihnsien, the Japanese plan to set up a "puppet" government at Kirin. This will affect the status of the joint control agreement between the Chinese Nationalist government and the Soviet Union, in operating the Chinese Eastern Railway. The drive becomes acutely significant as a war move of the imperialists against the Soviet Union in view of the fact that Japan recently refused the request of the Soviet government for the signing of a non-aggressive pact.

#### Raging Over March Success, Judge Holds Durant for Sanity Test

In a barbarous attempt to discredit the California Hunger March to San Francisco on January 11, Judge Steiger has sent Dick Durant, Secretary of the Unemployed Council, to the Detention Hospital for a sanity test.

Durant was arrested for speaking at a meeting of unemployed, held on \$1000 vagrancy bail. This outrageous bail was demanded in an attempt to cripple the Hunger March but, the International Labor Defense forced its reduction and secured his release on \$250 cash bond.

At his trial on January 12th, on this charge, Durant was held for the sanity test, a new development in the cynical barbarity of Capitalist courts in persecuting militant workers. Telegrams were sent to Governor

#### POLICE THUGS RAID LECTURE HALL; MASS ARRESTS MADE; EIGHTY HELD INCOMMUNICADO

**Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce in Rage  
Against Response to Hunger March  
Tries to Terrorize Workers**

LONG BEACH, Calif., Jan. 16.—Brutally attacking a lecture held under the auspices of the Communist Party, the notorious police gangster, Hynes, and his so-called "Red Squad" of uniformed cut-throats, arrested one hundred workers in Long Beach, Friday night, January 15.

As we go to press, eighty workers are still held incommunicado without charges. All efforts to reach them are being resisted by the police in defiance of their own laws.

Giving vent to their impotent rage at the tremendous response the workers gave to the State Hunger March, the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and their degenerate police tools have inaugurated a campaign of terror against all militant workers' organizations, and in particular against the Communist Party as the fighting leader of

the working class. This resort of parasitic millionaires and American Legion gangs is notorious for its open-shop policies and starvation of the unemployed. In line with Rolph's program of forced labor camps and bread lines for the one million California unemployed, the Southern bosses go him one better with clubbing and terror.

Protest telegrams from workers' organizations are pouring into Los Angeles from every section of the country, demanding the immediate release of these workers. The widest mobilization must be made all over the Coast.

Workers' organizations are urged to send telegrams of protest to the Mayor of Long Beach, and to hold mass meetings demanding the immediate release of all workers held and the cessation of police terror

#### LENIN MEMORIAL MEETINGS IN ALL LARGE CITIES ON WEST COAST

**Communist Party Calls for Recruits During  
Membership Drive**

On January 21, eight years ago, Comrade Lenin died. Today tens of millions of workers and poor farmers throughout the entire world follow the leadership of the Party which he founded, the Communist International.

Comrade Lenin led the Russian workers out of the slaughter of the World War to the victory of the proletarian revolution. Under his firm guidance the first workers' and farmers' government in history was founded. Under his iron leadership, the armies of intervention were beaten back and the dictatorship of the proletariat firmly established.

Calling on all militant workers to join the Party of Lenin, the Communist Party issued the list of Lenin Memorial Meetings to take place on January 21 on the West Coast.

Occurring this year in the midst of mass unemployment and starvation for workers in capitalist lands, the Lenin Memorial Meetings must

become the high point in the campaign to double the membership of the Revolutionary Party of the working class.

California, Denver and Seattle districts have challenged each other as to which district will be the first to double its membership during the recruiting drive. The campaign will last until March 18.

The shining example of the Russian workers, now victoriously building up socialism by completing the five-year plan this year, is stirring the masses of workers in capitalist countries to action.

To fight against the attempts of the bosses to force millions of workers into permanent unemployment, to resist their efforts to beat down the living standard of the workers to the starvation level. Join the Party of your class. Workers! Build the Party of Lenin.

As we go to press, Lenin Memorial meetings have been arranged for the following cities:

All meetings are at 8 p. m.  
San Francisco — California Hall, Polk and Turk Streets.  
Oakland — Jenny Lind Hall, Telegraph and 23rd Street.  
East Oakland — Myers Hall, 94th Avenue and E. 14th.  
Berkeley — Comrades Hall, 1819 10th Street.  
Richmond — Barneman's Hall, 19th and McDonald.  
Crockett (Open Air Meet) — Pomona and Second Street.  
Pittsburg (Open Air Meet) — Black Diamond and Second.  
Los Angeles — Savoy Hall, 50th and Central Sts. January 22. Miller and Abramson Halls, Boyle Heights, January 21st.  
San Diego — Women's Club, 949—9th Street, January 22nd.  
Pasadena — W. O. W. Hall, 31 N. Fair Oak Street, January 21st.  
San Pedro and Long Beach — Joint meeting, K. C. Hall, 9th and Gaffey, San Pedro, January 21st.  
Petaluma — Union Labor League Hall, January 22nd.  
San Jose — Union Hall, 81 Post St. January 21st.  
Phoenix, Arizona — 28½ E. Washington.  
Tucson, Ariz. — Sunday, January 24, 2:30 p. m.



## With the Young Workers

### YOUTH DELEGATES WILL REPORT ON THE STATE HUNGER MARCH

Governor Rolph has point-blank refused to accept the demands of the California unemployed in the State Hunger March. But the Hunger Marchers, in spite of this, held a State Unemployment Convention and mapped out plans for an even more energetic campaign to build up and strengthen the unemployment movement. Youth unemployed demands have been laid down for the entire state. In San Francisco, two mass youth unemployed meetings are being arranged, at which the youth delegates to the State Hunger March will make reports. One will be held on January 23rd, 8 p. m. at 1507 Eddy Street for the Fillmore district. The other will be held on January 17th, 2 p. m. at 1335 Kearny Street in conjunction with the adult unemployed council.

### UNEMPLOYED YOUTH ALSO FREE USE OF GYM AND YMCA

In Los Angeles, a committee of youth from the Unemployed Council went to the Central Branch of the YMCA and demanded the free use of the gym. They forced the authorities to grant them the free use of the gym every Friday night, with towels and showers provided. They also forced them to provide enough new gym shoes to equip the whole team of the unemployed youth.

### UNEMPLOYED YOUTH ALSO WIN FIGHT FOR FREE USE OF PLAYGROUNDS

On December 20, another youth unemployed committee went to the Hazards playgrounds, demanded the use of the playground and the basketball grounds for the teams of the Unemployed Council (youth sections). The administration was again forced to grant the demands. For this whole year, the youth team of the Unemployed Council will from now on meet and play every Sunday morning between 9 and 11:00. That's the way, young workers!

### YCL ORGANIZING NEW UNITS IN LOS ANGELES

A new unit of the Young Communist League has just been organized in Pasadena. There's a challenge between the Long Beach unit and the Pasadena unit, to see which one will build up the strongest by February 22nd, when our plan of action ends.

### HUNGER MARCH SUPPORTED BY BERKELEY STUDENTS

A group of students of the University of California met Sunday, January 10th and voted to support the State Hunger March. They sent a greeting to the State Unemployed Convention. Five delegates were elected, who participated in the Hunger March on January 11th, carrying signs reading: "Solidarity of Students and Workers!" and "No fees for Students with Unemployed Parents!"

### YCL HOLDING BIG DANCE IN LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles League is arranging a grand "Depression Carnival," at which the working youth of Los Angeles will be assured to have a swell time. This carnival will take place February 6th, 1932, at 2706 Brooklyn Avenue.

### UNIVERSITY UNIT FORMED IN THE U. C. CAMPUS

After discussing the problems confronting the students at the U. C., and their relations to the struggles of the workers, a group of students met on January 10th

and organized a unit of the Young Communist League. Working class students are beginning to wake up. How about students of the other universities on the West Coast?

### PIONEERS OF RICHMOND START ACTIVITY

The Pioneer Group recently organized in Richmond held a hike last Saturday, January 9th, with 14 kids present. The hike is conducted as a preparation for the State Hunger March. The group also sent 5 delegates to participate in the State Hunger March. Now they are preparing to organize a Free Food Fighters' Club in one of the schools and also issue a monthly bulletin.

### LARGER AND STRONGER YCL UNIT BUILT IN SACRAMENTO

With the Hunger Marchers from the Sacramento and Stockton sections there are more than 12 youth delegates. They participated militantly in the Hunger March. Later at the State Unemployed Convention, three of these young workers joined in the Young Communist League. All three promised to go back to Sacramento and help to build the YCL there.

### SAN FRANCISCO ORGANIZE YOUTH CLASS

Beginning February, the San Francisco Workers' School will organize a class on "The Youth in the U. S. A." It will be a course of twelve lessons, and cover a period of 12 weeks. The subject includes: conditions of young workers in the factories, the army, the opponent organizations, and the struggle of the young workers, especially their struggles under the leadership of the Young Communist League of the United States. Other classes recommended are: Fundamentals of Leninism, Leninist principles of organization, Political Economy I and II, Trade Union Tactics and Strategy, etc. For further information, write to Workers' School, 1173 Market St., Room 603.

### MASS TRIAL HELD IN SAN FRANCISCO

A crowd of workers, including 50 or more youth unemployed and children met on January 5th, and tried Rossi, Fleishacker and Woltenberg, the mayor of San Francisco, the big banking head and the head of the charities. A tribunal of three judges, representing the Y.C.L., the Youth Committee of the Unemployed and the Free Food Fighters' Club was chosen. The audience served as the jury; after reading the indictment, both sides presenting the case spoke. The meeting voted unanimously for a verdict of guilty. It was pointed out that unemployment and all the evils which go with it are the direct result of capitalism. Organizational steps have been emphasized. Several young workers signed up for the Unemployed Council, and 10 delegates were elected from the crowd to go to the State Hunger March. This trial turns out to be very interesting and effective in mobilizing and organizing the youth unemployed. We recommend to other cities that similar meetings be held, to try and expose Governor Rolph, who flatly refused to relieve the State Unemployed on January 11th.

Filipino, Chinese, Japanese and Mexican workers—The American Federation of Labor Officials support the deportation policy of the California government. Join the Communist Party which fights for equal rights and against all race discrimination.

## WHERE TO GO

**OAKLAND**  
Open Forums are held every Sunday night at 8 o'clock at Machinist Hall, 434 Eleventh Street. Street meetings at Tenth and Broadway, Sunday night, 7-8 o'clock; Thursday night, 7-8 o'clock, and Thursday night, 7-8 o'clock.

**F. S. U.—District Conference Sat.,** January 23rd, 4:30 P. M., 1179 Market Street, San Francisco.

**CELEBRATION of the First Issue of the illustrated monthly, "Soviet Russia Today,"** Saturday, January 23rd, 8:00 P. M., California Club, 1750 Clay Street, S. F. Elsa Mehlmann, speaker—spent 6 years in the Soviet Union. Dancing and refreshments. Admission 35c.

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Monday** January 25th. Educational feature: "Manchuria. Another Step Toward Intervention in the Soviet Union." Speaker: Sam Darcy.

### WORKERS SCHOOL FORUM

1164 Market Street  
Every Sunday Evening at 8 P. M.  
Jan. 24—Frank Spector—"The Collapse of the British Labor Party,"  
Jan. 31—A. S. Sheena—"The Struggle of the Workers and Peasants in India Against British Imperialism."

**OLD AND NEW**  
RUSS—Community House, Friday, January 22, 8 P. M.  
SAN JOSE—Union Hall, Sunday, Jan. 24, Afternoon and Evening.

### ADVANCE NOTICE!

I. L. D. District 13 will hold its annual Bazaar Saturday and Sunday, February 13 and 14. Keep the date open.

**WORKERS SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT**—The opening of the Spring Term of the Workers School will be marked by an Entertainment on Friday evening, January 29th, at 1164 Market St. Speakers, refreshments, dancing.

## THOUSANDS SPENT TO PAMPER ROLPH PETS IN HOSPITAL

No Money for Starving but Can Repair Rooms 8 Times to Please Whim of Parasite

STOCKTON, Jan. 10th.—When Rolph says he can't see how the state of California can supply any money to relieve the unemployed, he lies. He lies because he knows about hundreds of such places as I'm about to describe, where graft and slush funds fill the pockets of his rich, fat pets.

At the State Hospital here Governor Rolph sees to it that thousands of dollars of the state funds are squandered. His appointee, Dr. Margaret Smyth, draws a salary of \$4,500 yet gives very little time to the job. Her niece attends the College of the Pacific, and gets \$50 a month from the State as her Aunt's maid. But the patients do all the maid's work. Dr. Smyth's other nieces and her mother live here most of the time at the State's expense; the State cars and drivily at their disposal day and night. Trees were cut and the road changed at a cost of \$12,000 to amuse her brother who is a dentist in San Francisco, and now the road is almost impassable.

A house built for Dr. Smyth which was to cost \$11,000, cost \$20,000. The wall paper cost \$75 and was torn off two days later because her family did not like it. Some of the rooms were painted 7 and 8 times before the family would pay for them. The State's money is paid for these extravagances, and will continue to pay for them. The patients for whom the money is supposed to be spent, don't even get sugar on the table. Workers are being discharged constantly so that cheaper help can be hired. Now a worker gets only \$11 a month, which will not support a family.

We workers who are being discharged without a chance of defending ourselves, see all this, and though we are not organized, we agree with you Communists, it's time to change things around.

## WAR, PRISONS GET MILLIONS IN CALIF.

In the course of the Unemployed Convention held at California Hall, San Francisco on Monday, January 11, a number of facts were brought out in the reports of the State Hunger March Committee which illustrate the contemptuous attitude of the bosses and the State Government towards the starving masses. The capitalist politicians have been appropriating sky-rocketing increases of State funds for war and for terror, but have not given any money at all for relief of the starving and destitute unemployed workers.

While every demand for unemployed relief and insurance was attacked as "exorbitant," the following increases in expenditures for military affairs were made:

1923-1925	\$ 42,500
1925-1927	321,500
1927-1929	104,708
1929-1931	304,500
1931-1933	606,000

This increase in military expenditures represents a staggering jump of 1500 per cent in eight years.

Appropriations for preparations for terrorizing the population are even more startling. For prisons; for example, increases were as follows:

1923-1925	\$ 38,000
1925-1927	429,500
1927-1929	634,500
1929-1931	1,189,000

For 1931-1933 approximately \$1,000,000 was appropriated. The terror expenditures for prisons alone was increased thirty fold or 3000 per cent in the last eight years. The total budget of the State has increased from \$91,000,000 for the two years from 1923 to 1925 to \$145,000,000 for 1931-1933.

These facts nail the lies of Governor Rolph, the "socialists," and the A. F. of L. fakery who charge that the demands for unemployed relief and military workers through-out the State are impossible, because there are no funds available.

The source of funds for such relief are clearly available. The government instead used the money to jail workers for stealing a loaf of bread, to build a large military with which to attack demonstrating militants and to make preparations for new wars. If the government did give this money to unemployed relief, some of the suffering which now exists might be eliminated. But only a powerful militancy and aggressiveness of the workers can force such appropriations. The continued building of the Unemployed Councils, T. U. U. L. and the Communist Party, the political leader of all struggles to improve the conditions of the working class, is the guarantee that we will get some measure of relief.

## THE YARD



A Frightful Picture of Capitalist Barbarity—Over 5,000 Prisoners Herded Like Cattle in the Yard of California's Bastille, San Quentin.

## Drive to Illegalize Australian Communist Party

CANBERRA, Australia, Jan. 14.—Distribution of Communist newspapers through the mails will be forbidden in Australia and the Crimes Act will be amended to facilitate gathering evidence against members of the Communist Party, if the cut-throat, anti-working class program of Attorney General J. G. Latham is adopted. This vicious attack against the Communist Party is an attempt to throttle the militant workers in their fight against unemployment and starvation and force the Australian masses to accept silently whatever miserable conditions the ruling class forces upon them.

## Osmena and Roxas in Secret Deals

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 16.—How to sell out the struggle of the Filipino masses for immediate and complete independence, was being decided here today.

Osmena and Roxas, leaders of the fake "Independence Commission," secretly conferred with Senator Hawes of Missouri, Pedro Guevara and Camilo Osiah, Philippine Commissioner.

The Commission intends to base its sham battle for independence on a bill to be introduced by Hawes in Congress.

While in San Francisco, these traitors openly stated that they were not interested in any move for independence, but instead to beg for certain concessions.

## General Strike of Havana Cigar Makers Called

HAVANA, Jan. 14.—A general strike of all cigar workers will be the answer to the ruthless wage cutting program of the tobacco magnates. Over four hundred cigar workers walked out in four Havana factories when the bosses refused to give them more time to consider a proposed cut which would bring their pay down to pre-war level. The workers in the industry will make a determined stand against this effort to drive them to further limits of starvation.

## National Guard is Mobilized for Fight Against Workers

San Jose, Dec. 14.—A mass meeting of the local units of the National Guard is being planned by Colonel Clarence Mitchell. He states that the mobilization will be held for the purpose of determining the efficiency of the units, and the time required for packing kits and arranging transportation of troops to any point in California.

This display of military force is to threaten and intimidate workers.

In spite of these shows of Colonel Mitchell and his strike-breaking thugs, the San Jose workers will continue their struggle for unemployment insurance and immediate cash for the jobless.

## POLICE DETERMINED TO FRAME WORKER

Because Jack Berolla, a member of the San Francisco Unemployed Council, fought for his life when attacked by policemen during the Walker-Mooney protest demonstration on December 2, he is facing a 19-year term in San Quentin. When police on horseback and on foot were attacking the workers—men, women and children—who were going to present the working class demands at the Walker-Mooney hearing, Berolla was struck square on his head by a black-jack wielded by a mounted policeman. It self-defense he wrested the black-jack from the cop and struck back with all his strength. Several police struck him and knocked him out. At the police station he was beaten until his tongue was split and several teeth knocked out. He is now facing 19 years in San Quentin. The charges are: Assault with a deadly weapon, 1 to 14 years; possession of a black-jack, 1 to 5 years. In order to convict him, a frame-up was planned, intending to show that he came to the demonstration possessing a black-jack.

The International Labor Defense appeals to the workers, for immediate support in its fight to keep Jack Berolla and his 23 other fellow workers arrested December 1, from being railroaded to jail.

### I. L. D. PLANS APPEAL

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ed the judge to recognize its representatives, brought out the fact of police brutality and the terror of the bosses against the unemployed. A number of mass meetings were held to support the workers on trial. Property bail was secured and all the workers were free pending the trial. Mass-pressure prevented heavy sentences of one year each. The International Labor Defense is planning to appeal the cases.

## Guard Murders San Quentin Negro Lighting Smoke

Hugh Adams, a Negro youth, was brutally murdered and eight other convicts wounded, some seriously, December 28, in San Quentin, for the crime of lighting a cigarette. As he was leaving the mess hall, Adams paused to take a smoke. For this he was pounced upon by two guards, who began to club him. As he was trying to get away from the clubs, the guards in the gun towers began to shoot from all directions at him. He fell riddled with bullets.

The ricocheting shells hit convicts all over the yard as they tried to hide from the gun fire. According to information obtained by the Western Worker, eight convicts were wounded, making a total of thirteen shot and one killed within the previous two weeks in San Quentin.

The prison regime is growing worse, with brutality daily increasing. San Quentin is terribly overcrowded. For every minor infraction of rules prisoners are sent to the dungeon for days at a time. Three guards were fired for failing to shoot the unarmed prisoners, while the two guards who did the actual killing were rewarded by a week's vacation with pay.

Tom Mooney and J. B. McNamara have already spent fifteen and twenty-one years respectively under such terrorism. The Imperial Valley prisoners are being watched by especially detailed guards. They are denied literature and their mail and visitors are being closely scrutinized.

Such barbarous incidents occur frequently at San Quentin, but are carefully hushed up by the prison authorities. Only because this killing was too cold-blooded even for one of the guards, who spilled the beans, did the news reach the outside world. He was promptly fired.

Negro Workers—Join the Communist Party, which organizes and leads the struggle against lynching, for equal rights for the Negroes and for the right of Negroes to self-determination in the black belt.

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# ON WITH THE FIGHT FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF



## 25,000 Listen to March Leaders; 5,000 to Rolph

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come to the main mass meeting. The audience near Rolph's platform cheered the delegation's refusal. The delegation then reported back to the 25,000 workers waiting for a reply. Tremendous indignation was expressed at Rolph's treatment of the delegation.

### Hold Convention to Plan Struggle

Lines were again formed and a huge parade begun to California Hall where the convention was scheduled. The streets around California Hall were black with people. The main auditorium was jammed and an overflow crowd filled the basement auditorium, which was hastily rented to accommodate the marchers. Still there were more workers outside, clamoring to get in. As it was impossible to crowd any more in, and no more halls in the building could be rented, the crowd was addressed on the street.

The convention opened amid wild enthusiasm with the report of the State Hunger March Committee. Rolph sent a detail of detectives to the convention hall with his written reply, stating that none of

the demands could be granted. He attacked the jobless workers, saying that they were unwilling to work. He also urged the unemployed not to threaten the government but to follow Father Cox's example in Washington. The convention burst into a demonstration of indignation against his reply, and then proceeded to work out plans to consolidate the movement organizationally and carry forward the struggle for unemployed relief.

## Councils Call For Sharp Fight Against Hunger

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employment insurance, demonstrations and collections of signatures. It must be localized to fit conditions in the various sections, and organized around the immediate demands of the workers.

### The plan of work adopted by the State Convention follows:

#### Migratory Workers in the City:

- 1—Organize committees in the employment agencies.
- 2—Organize committees in the vicinity of the skid road, where workers gather; penetrate into breadlines and flophouses to organize workers around concrete demands for workers in these institutions. Main demand for these workers should be: (1) Kitchens: (a) Wholesome food, three meals a day;

- (b) no waiting in line; (c) kitchens to be controlled by unemployed.
- (2) Flophouses: (a) Clean sleeping quarters; (b) no waiting in line; (c) no registration for police records; (d) no discrimination against Negroes and foreign-born or young workers; (e) lodging-houses to be controlled by committees of unemployed.

#### Neighborhoods:

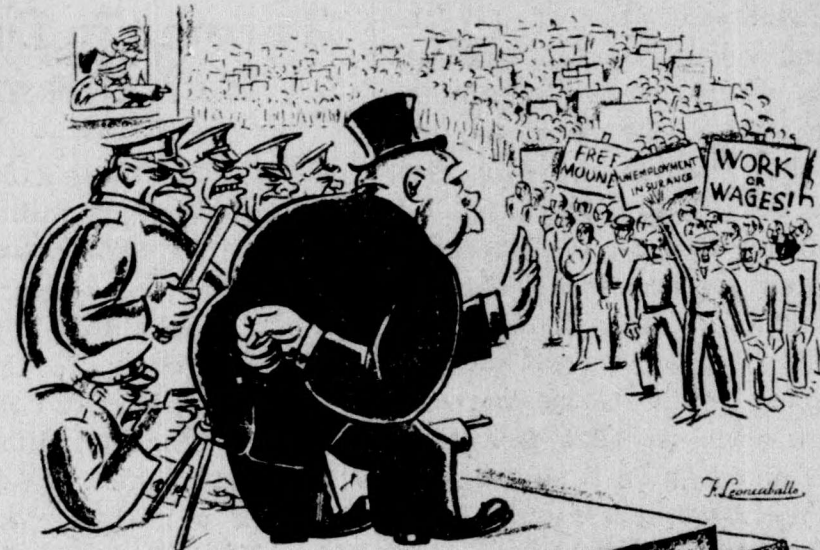
Unemployed workers in the residential neighborhoods should be organized into Block Committees and neighborhood branches around the following demands: (1) No evictions, city to pay rent of unemployed during entire period of unemployment; (2) no gas, light or water shutoffs, city to pay such bills; (3) workers receiving relief from authorities in form of groceries must be given sufficient groceries for three meals a day for entire family; (4) cash payment at rate of \$5 per day for eight hours work, instead of groceries for workers working under supervision of "charitable" institutions; (5) free food for school children of unemployed and part-time workers, three meals a day; (6) relief without discrimination against foreign-born, Negro and young workers; (7) the right to hold meetings and demonstrations in the neighborhoods.

#### Young Unemployed Workers:

Young workers must organize around the following demands: (1) No discrimination in issuing of relief or jobs; (2) opening of gymnasiums and sports facilities for young unemployed workers; (3) armories be opened to them and be equipped with cots for sleeping; sleeping quarters to be controlled by committees of unemployed; (4) government maintenance of all workers under 18; (5) free food, carefare and clothing for child; (6) of unemployed and part-time workers.

State Planning Committee proposes: That "The Hunger Fighter," which is the state bulletin, become a monthly bulletin throughout the state and that the incoming State Committee be responsible for its regular publication.

Defeat the starvation program of the Hoover-Wall Street Government and their demagogic agents such as Rolph in California—Join the Communist Party, the leader in the mass fight for Unemployed Insurance.



ROLPH GREETES THE HUNGER MARCHERS

## Militant Workers Force S. P. Ry. to Suspend Wage Cut

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working. This old company lie, coming from the mouth of a labor official, clearly showed his character. In answer to Price's treachery, a worker made a motion that the union dues be reduced from 35c to 25c, which meant the cutting of Price's pay. The motion was carried.

That the company unions exist to fool the workers and give soft jobs to fakers like Price, so that the workers will not organize into unions and will fight the bosses at every step, is obvious. It is also obvious that the company is determined to attack the workers by more and more vicious wage-cuts, speed-ups and lay-offs in order to maintain its super profits by sacrificing the worker and his family.

## MOONEY-SCOTTSBORO-HARLAN STATE CONVENTION HELD

Meeting in Musicians Hall on January 10, 139 delegates representing 81 organizations attended the Mooney-Scottsboro-Harlan Convention. Delegates from branches of the International Labor Defense, sections of the Trade Union Unity League, A. F. of L., Unemployed Councils, the Communist Party and many fraternal organizations were present.

Making the fight against the S. C. Law, the central issue of its discussion and future work, the Convention brought to the attention of the working class of California the necessity of continuous and persistent fight until this vicious anti-labor law is repealed. The fight against the C. S. Law is the fight of the working class of California for the right to organize, strike, and the right to mass defense against boss terror.

Together with the fight against the C. S. Law, the Convention pointed out the paramount importance of bringing forward the Imperial Valley cases as an outstanding example of the application of the C. S. Law and the necessity of linking up the fight for its repeal with the fight for the release of the Imperial Valley prisoners. The Convention brought to the

fore front the frameup of Tom Mooney, the Scottsboro boys, and the Harlan, Ky. miners, and definite plans were laid for mass defense activities to fight for the release of all class-war prisoners.

Altho the Convention lasted only three and half hours, in true working class fashion it brought out the weaknesses and shortcomings in defense work in the past, took steps to overcome them, and laid definite plans for future work.

A permanent state committee of 25 was elected from all sections of the state, and a delegation of 20 chosen to go to Sacramento and present the petitions with signatures for the repeal of the C. S. Law to Attorney General Webb. The signatures will be presented at the time of the demonstration to greet the returning hunger marchers in Sacramento.

The first meeting of the State Resident Committee was held immediately after the convention. The organizational directives adopted by the Convention were elaborated for immediate and effective application in the fight against boss terror.

An appeal issued by the State Executive Committee calls upon all working class organizations for

## No Jobless Relief If You Smoke says Nebraska Decree

RED CLOUD, Neb., Jan. 16—A decree issued by the county supervisors states that before a family is eligible for county aid this winter they can have no family car, no radio, no cigarettes or cigars, no movies, no electric lights or telephone. This is one of the miserable practices the crooked politicians in charge of relief, for stalling. The organized charity fakers draw all the money there is in the fund for their salaries while they snoop around to be sure the workers are not spending their time in the movies, or sneaking around a corner to smoke a forbidden cigarette. When they finally discover that many families desperately need food, clothing and shelter, there's no money left. Unemployed workers are learning that only through organization into militant unemployed councils can the boss controlled charities be forced to grant real relief.

—Worker Correspondent.

contributions to make possible the broadest mass campaign against the increasing boss terror. All contributions should be mailed to the Mooney-Scottsboro-Harlan State Executive Committee, 1175 Market Street, Room 603, San Francisco, California.



## CITRUS PACKING PLANTS CLOSED. WORKERS STARVE

Riverside, Calif., Jan. 15.  
Editor Western Worker.

Recently the local papers announced that orange picking and packing had started in Southern California, and here in Riverside County there was enough work for 2,000 men and women. So, full of hope, I started out to find a job of either packing or sorting the golden fruit. I applied at twenty-five packing houses in the county and was turned down at every one. In the big J. V. A. Brown estate plant and the Sunkist of Riverside they have very aged men and women doing the (easy?) job of sorting. They must work at a terrific pace to keep up with the belt and if they don't, out they go. In the packing rooms of these plants the workers must work at high speed and their hands move so quickly, wrapping the oranges, that one cannot see the operation. After packing, the boxes must be lifted on to the belt, which requires some strength. The pay for this work is five cents per box and it is impossible to make more than a couple of dollars per day. The foremen drive the workers at terrific speed to keep up with the incoming fruit. This fruit is not perishable, so the bosses can close down their plants for weeks at a time while they haggle over the price of fruit and the price of wages.

I finally got a promise of a job picking oranges from a small grower. The oranges are not picked but clipped from the trees. The worker puts the fruit in a canvas sack which he carries strapped to his shoulders. The sacks hold about twenty-five pounds and it takes two sacks to fill a box. However, I didn't get the job, because the packing plants were not buying any more fruit. Most of the picking in the orange groves is done by tuberculars who come to California in search of health. These workers are unmercifully exploited because the bosses know they must tolerate almost any conditions in order to live where there is sunshine and fresh air. The citrus growing industry is one of the major industries, and distributors have made their money out of thousands of tubercular workers who have been lured to sun-blasted Southern California with the hope of regaining their health.

—Riverside Co. Orange Picker.

## Boasts of Re-hiring Emeryville Paraffin Hides Wage Cut

EMERYVILLE, Calif., Jan. 16—Hypocritically boasting of the fact that a small number of workers were recently rehired, the Emeryville Paraffin Works conveniently forgets to state that they were taken back at greatly reduced wages.

When the lay off occurred several months ago, they were getting \$5 a day. The rehired workers are now getting \$2.50 a day, a 50 per cent wage cut. At the same time only a small fraction of those laid off were taken back, the great majority being still out of work.

This is the type of lying "returning prosperity" talk that such slave driving concerns are filling their prostitute press with.

It is clear the workers in the Paraffin plant will only be able to put a fight against these vicious wage cuts and lay offs by organizing into a real militant union. These workers should get in touch with the Trade Union Unity League, 1020 Broadway, Oakland.

## Taxi Drivers in L. A. Lose Earnings In Last Two Years

Los Angeles, Dec. 28—Taxi cab drivers in this city are earning 60 per cent less than they were earning in 1929, the weekly wage for a working week of about 70 hours averaging \$8.00. This, of course, cannot begin to cover a family's expenses of rent, food, light, and heat, and the men are becoming bitter and desperate.

In addition to these frightful wage conditions, the companies impose any condition of work they see fit, in some cases in direct violation of the law. Many times the driver is held liable for the damages to his cab in the case of an accident. Legally, of course, he is supposed to be able to recover the pay stolen from him, but it would cost him his job.

These conditions maintain and are growing worse because of the total lack of organization among the drivers. However, many of them are ready to fight for better conditions and a wage guarantee, and they are looking to the Trade Union Unity League for leadership.

—Taxi Driver

Worker Correspondent.

## TRAIL BLAZERS FIRED, REPLACED BY FORCED LABOR

\$5.00 per Day Workers Lose  
Jobs to Unpaid Unemployed  
in Sierra Camps

The Sierra Forced Labor Camps, which are supposed to be solving unemployment in California, are taking summer jobs from trail blazers. Moreover they are paid nothing for the work of trail blazing which they do, although this work has always carried a wage of \$5 for 8 hours.

From a worker who was hired by the government last August to work on the Flagstaff trail, we receive the following description of conditions:

"The trails are kept in terrible condition by the government. Some of them have had no work done on them for 10 years. Shepherders often have to blaze their own trails where government trails are supposed to be.

Trail blazers hired by the government for \$5 a day are required to supply their own bedding and camp outfits. No safety precautions are taken on the job, and since blasting is necessary, the work is extremely unsafe. The attitude makes working conditions even more hazardous for the workers."

All of these dangerous conditions maintain in the slave labor camps that have taken over the work of trail blazing this winter—with the addition of freezing temperature, near-starvation and no wages.

San Jose, Dec. 24—The results of San Jose's Unemployment Relief program which had been so widely advertised, is now being felt by the workers. Eighteen of San Jose's unemployed are now making fire trails in Alum Rock Park. They leave town at 6 A. M. and return at 5 P. M. after a long day of exhausting labor. For this they receive \$15 per week. But as each worker is only allowed two weeks' work, these paltry wages do not afford much "relief" to their starving families.

Twenty more men were given work, selling Christmas trees, each seller receiving one-fourth of the sales.

This is the extent to which San Jose's 11,000 unemployed have been taken care by the Unemployed Relief Program.

## S. F. BUDGET BIG POLITICAL GRAFT

City Budget of Seventy Million  
Provides Only \$700,000  
For "Poor"

The San Francisco city budget is published.

Over one hundred thousand unemployed will search for something for the unemployed, but will be disappointed. To make matters worse there is a section entitled "Unemployed Relief." The amount appropriated is \$700,000, "for indigents." In reality this is the usual amount being appropriated for poor houses and such relief, and is a drop in a bucket compared to what may be needed for any kind of a significant relief. Especially if we note that appropriations for the police department and such of the other departments devoted to jailing workers and smashing up workers' meetings, amount to over five million dollars, over three and one-half going to the police department direct, do we see how the budget of a capitalist government is arranged. A review of the expenses generally shows that the bulk of the expenses are for salaries to thousands of individuals to build up a great machine behind the political parties of the bosses.

An item that will undoubtedly interest the thousands of world war veterans who only means of support is the soup kitchens at 14th and Mission, is the appropriation of \$2,000,000 for a War Memorial!

Of course, there are many other items, such as publicity and advertising, over \$200,000, being used to bring conventions to San Francisco, \$2,500 for celebrating the Fourth of July, lest we forget our freedom, etc.

When we analyze the budget, then we can see the hollowness of the statement from Mayor Rossi and his agent in charge of charity, Wolnberg, that everything possible is being done for the unemployed, and that no one will starve in the city. This is the first act of Rossi's administration after the election, and this is the plan for the New Year.

## Bakersfield and Madera Officials Rob Unemployed

County woodpiles are now supposed to be "solving the crisis" in Bakersfield, Madera, and other valley towns. A few of the starving workers of these localities are given an opportunity to earn a meager supply of groceries or a meal or two by hours of back-breaking labor at these wood piles. However, no young workers need apply; nor can any worker average more than two days "employment" a week.

Two days a week in Madera are paid in groceries at the rate of \$1.00 a day—or about 12 and a half cents an hour.

In Bakersfield the work is paid by two meals of beans and stew and the "privilege" of sleeping on a concrete floor. These slops cost the county 6 and half cents per worker, and the food is more than paid for from the profits derived from selling wood.

Bakersfield is also responsible for the scheme of "trading" skilled jobs of painting, plumbing, and electrical work for \$1.75 a day. However, since no worker can "trade" more than three days a week, it means that these skilled laborers and their families must subsist on the starvation wage of \$5 per week.

## STEAL JOBLESS FUNDS IN WASH.

Even Boast of 4c Meals Proven  
Fraud by Facts

SEATTLE, Dec. 30—"Pier 3" has become infamous in Seattle. Guised as usual in the name of charity, this squalid, special pet of the Seattle Star, is wakening workers to the need of struggling against boss starvation measures.

The Star is operating the infamous institution under the name of Sunshine Club. Here are a few puzzling questions that workers would like to have answered. In the December 30 issue of the Star a picture of a business man is shown handing a Star employee a check for \$500. The head on the picture runs thus: "21,750 More Meals." That means, then, that each meal provided for the "hungry" (actually starving men, women and children) is figured at a cost of .0435 each. A merchant who changed his store into a kitchen gets .03 for EACH meal served, and over 2000 eat there daily; hence he is making between sixty and seventy dollars a day. There are lots of small business men that would like to have that turnover. A.L.L. of the food-stuffs are donated. Whence, then, the .0435, Mr. Owner of the Star?

Since the Community Chest Drive is over, there have been all other fakers, including the Star's scheme, coming along and exploiting the misery of the workers. Seattle workers should join the Unemployed Council at the following places: Downtown Branch, 94 W. Main Street; City Headquarters, 1413 1/2 First Avenue (Workers Center), 1002 E. Jefferson Street, and 1536 52nd St. W. (Ballard Branch). The Councils are fighting for REAL RELIEF and Unemployment Insurance.

—Workers Correspondent.

## DESTROY MILLION BAGS OF COFFEE; MARKET BLAMED

Capitalist Financial Institution  
Declares More Food, Cloth-  
ing, etc. Must Be  
Destroyed

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8—While the 235,000 unemployed of Los Angeles and the other 12,000,000 in the U. S. are dying of starvation, and fighting like rats for the garbage that the rich won't eat, the stock market gamblers are rejoicing over the fact that Brazil has completed plans for the destruction of twelve millions bags of coffee with a market value of \$70,000,000.

The Alexander Hamilton Institute of New York (capitalist statistical service) of January 8 says that until we do the same with our surplus of wheat, copper, cotton, cottonseed oil, etc., the stock market will continue to go lower. Destroying food, clothing and materials by capitalist logic is supposed to be good for a country where 12,000,000 workers are starving.

Only as an Organized Mass and under the Leadership of the Communist Party can the Working Class Achieve Freedom.

## RANCH BOSS STEALS WORKER'S WAGES

Worker Must Force Court  
to Repay Farm  
Laborer

Andrew Negorda is suing his Elmira rancher boss for \$245 back pay for 13 months' work. Negorda, who is unable to read English, was tricked into signing a paid-in-full check. He afterward learned that the check was only for \$143. Charles Evankoff, his boss, promised him the remainder when he sold sufficient produce to cover Negorda's salary. Needless to say, Negorda was never paid the rest of the money owing to him.

His chances of getting it in a capitalist court where the interests of the ranch owners are always upheld against the interest of the workers, are hopeless, unless sufficient working class pressure can be brought to bear on the court.

Workers Correspondent.

## Degenerate I. W. W.'s Assault Worker for Communist Sympathy

Los Angeles, December 27—John Maras, a worker who has been employed on the Boulder Dam at Las Vegas, asked a vendor of the I.W.W. organ "Industrial Worker" for a copy of the "Daily Worker." The vendor claimed ignorance of the existence of the Daily Worker so Maras explained that it was the national organ of the Communist Party. The I. W. W. news vendor then beckoned a thug called Bert King who is another I. W. W., and pointed out Maras to him. King immediately assaulted Maras and tried to drag him up an alley in order to beat him up thoroughly, but he was arrested on the spot.

In line with the policy advocated by the C. P. and the Daily Worker, Maras, who is a class conscious worker, refused to testify against his assailant although he was offered inducement to do so by on-lookers who offered to pay his room rent if he would postpone his journey to Los Angeles.

## DENVER JOBLESS FORCED TO STARVE AS BOSSES GRAFT

DENVER, Colo., January 18—Jobless workers of Denver are gradually learning that they can expect little or no relief from the bitter cold, foodless days of winter. Having exhausted all of the take panaceas for unemployment, workers are now depending entirely upon the vicious "Citizens' Mission" for food and shelter for which they are forced to work without pay.

All sorts of relief measures have been tried out by the city administration headed by Mr. Begole, but unemployment and misery continues to increase amongst the workers. Last spring dandelion digging was brought forward as the idea which would put all Denver jobless to work but after a week's work by two or three thousand desperate workers all the parks and vacant lots were cleared of weeds and the unemployed army had been added to by more layoffs.

Then after spending more than \$400,000 for "improvement of the Park of the Red Rocks," most of which went to grafting politicians and contractors, the bright "give a man a job" idea was put forward but by this time there were so many unemployed that few were left who could "give a man a job."

Jess Wellborn, president of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co., John D. Rockefeller's right hand man in the present campaign of terror in Colorado, has been appointed head of the Mayor's Welfare Committee to administer the \$8,000,000 fund raised by the Community Chest supposedly for workers' relief. Actually 65 per cent of this fund is used for salaries of boss lackeys who put the workers who apply for relief through a grilling third degree before they are granted a small grocery order amounting to about \$1.80 weekly.

Only through strong organization in the Unemployed Councils will the workers be able to force the bosses to give adequate relief to the jobless. The Unemployed Councils are fighting for \$150 cash relief for every unemployed family and \$50 for each dependent.

## Worker is Crushed in Mine Conveyor

KENILWORTH, Utah, Dec. 29—Sumner C. Ragland, mine worker, was instantly killed when he crawled into a conveyor to make repairs.

## Chief Cluck in San Jose Tries to Stop Leaflet Distribution

San Jose, Dec. 24—San Jose bosses and shopkeepers have for years been cluttering up the streets, fences and yards of the city with leaflets, and advertising pamphlets. It was not until the workers began to distribute leaflets announcing meetings and attempting to organize the jobless in a militant struggle for food that Manager Goodwin discovered the ordinance against this and issued an order to enforce it.

"Manager" Goodwin is concerned to protect the interests of his masters, the San Jose big business and industrial leaders. But the workers of San Jose will show him he cannot silence them by resorting to this legal trick.

—Worker Correspondent.

## DAVENPORT CEMENT PLANS WAGE CUT

DAVENPORT, Calif., January 17—A 20 per cent wage cut affecting the 175 workers employed in the Santa Cruz Portland Cement plant was rumored here today.

Already on a stagger system of four days weekly, workers in this plant produce an output of 8,000 barrels of cement per day. Rationalization and curtailed production in the plant has cut down the force of between 650 to 800 formerly employed, to 175. Completely unorganized the workers are entirely at the mercy of the bosses. If they dare individually to complain of the brutal speed-up and wage cuts they are immediately fired. Only by a strong organization will the cement workers be able to resist the unbearable conditions thrust upon them by the bosses in their frantic efforts to maintain high dividends at the expense of the workers.

Cement workers should organize into shop committees under the Trade Union Unity League which fights for the organization of all unorganized workers.

## LOSES SAVINGS AND JOB IN CRISIS; L. A. Family Starves

Unable to get employment for nine months. Life savings lost in United States National Bank crash. Gas, light and water cut off. That is the brief and tragic story of Chas. Thompson, fifty-four year old woodchopper of Los Angeles, who, with his wife and three children faces starvation. Because of the inability of the boss class to use him by grafting parasites he is compelled to cringe and crawl like a beggar for the miserable donations of bureaucratic charity in order to keep himself and his dependents alive. Is Chas. Thompson alone in his destitution? Is he one, a few or one of millions whose work and life and hope has been rendered futile by the criminality and robbery of capitalist parasites? The capitalist press comes out today with a statement that the defunct United States Bank will pay forty cents on the dollar but Thompson is unable to raise one nickel on the statement which shows that they took over two thousand dollars of his savings when they shut the doors.

G. N. Marshall.

—Workers Correspondent.

## Finnish Workers Feed and House Hunger Marchers

BERKELEY, Calif., January 15—Approximately 150 delegates of the State Hunger March were provided with food and a place to sleep at Comrades Hall in Berkeley. The first group of 70 delegates from Sacramento arrived Friday night; the Los Angeles delegation reached here Sunday.

The City of Berkeley had refused to give any food or shelter to the delegates. Members of the Finnish Women's Club prepared and served the meals at the hall.

The delegates held several enthusiastic meetings, and Sunday afternoon they marched through Berkeley, displaying their banners and shouting slogans. Monday they marched to San Francisco for the mass demonstration. The marchers started on their return trip Tuesday.

## Sell 1c Stamps in Tacoma in Drive to "Lick Unemploy't"

TACOMA, Wash., January 5—Dissatisfaction and militancy among the unemployed is growing rapidly because of the sham relief that the city government is passing out. On December 7, the Citizens' Employment Bureau called workers to register for jobs, that they have found do not exist. Now they come out with a go-getter campaign to "Lick Unemployment," the stores are to sell stamps at 1c up to the public, so that construction work can go ahead.

The County Welfare is cutting down on the already terrible food at the bread-lines. The Tacoma Unemployed Council is mobilizing the unemployed around these immediate issues. A meeting to hear the reports of the Hunger March delegates to Washington, D. C., is being organized. The February 4 demonstration to demand Unemployment Insurance promises to be the greatest meeting ever held in Tacoma.

—Workers Correspondent.

## "LABOR UNITY" OUT SHORTLY

The first issue of Labor Unity, a monthly magazine put out by the Trade Union Unity League, was sold out two weeks after it was off the press. The February issue, which will soon be out, contains articles on the Kentucky mine strike, the situation in the building trades, an analysis of the Unemployed Councils, and many other articles of direct interest to all class conscious workers.

## JOBLESS MINER TRAMPLED, DEAD

BUTTE, Montana, January 12—Scenes at the Tramway mine immediately after the Anaconda Copper Company had closed operations there, releasing 1200 men, reveal the frightful conditions of the miners here. The company had announced that some would be transferred to half-time work at other mines, and many of the workers stood in line from 6 o'clock in the morning until 11 o'clock at night. One man who had fainted in line was trampled on and injured so severely that he died the next morning. Fifteen others were hurt in the same way—all for a chance to dig in the Anaconda hell-holes at starvation wages.

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Capitalists Support Socialist Party

Bill Busick is also a great editor. His paper bears the religious-like name of "New Era." It has many advertisements. Occasionally there are also some articles on unemployment; but it is never with any specific immediate demands. In true "Alfalfa" Murray style his thunderous ejections are lost in a maze of meaningless abstractions. It is when secretly and openly attacking the Soviet Union and the Communist Party that the "New Era" becomes most eloquent. "The socialist party is the only force that can save America from the fate of Communism," solemnly declares this protector of capitalism. Now one understands the many advertisements in the "New Era."

Slimy Busick and the Mooney Fight

Busick also sabotaged the monster mass meeting called by the Mooney-Harlan Conference. After the workers of Los Angeles had militantly demonstrated in the streets when the Philharmonic Auditorium was shut down by the police, and another meeting called, Busick, fearful that the masses were becoming too aroused over these issues, using the same tactics he did during the unemployment demonstration, tried to crush this growing movement by isolating it into a small meeting which he called in opposition to the other.

Busick also supports the boss policy of jailing toiling militants. The campaign for the repeal of the vicious anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Law under which the Imperial Valley boys were buried in San Quentin and Folsom, and with which the open shoppers break strikes, Busick calls a Communist publicity stunt.

Yes, sir! Bill Busick is a friend of Labor. He'll even tell you so, himself.

Socialist Party Trickery

To the rescue of his masters, came Bill Busick. He organized an Unemployed Conference. The similarity of names confused the jobless. And to still greater befuddle them, Busick called a de-

## Brutal Speed Up Wage Cut, Firing Best Foods Prog'm

Slashing wages 16 per cent, firing 60 per cent of the workers and cutting time to 5 days a week, is the way Best Foods Co., Third and Townsend Streets, San Francisco, intends to transfer its losses onto the backs of the workers.

In a frantic effort to safeguard the dividends of its stockholders, Best Foods imposes a starvation regime on its workers and their families.

Until the Trade Union Unity League entered the field, the completely unorganized Mexican, Greek and Spanish workers in this concern were helpless in the face of such ruthless exploitation.

On January 1st a wage cut of 15 per cent was put through and a terrific speed up was instituted. In the last six months this labor-hating outfit have cut down the working force from 150 to 60 and forced the remaining workers on to a starvation three-day week.

## Self-Defense Plea Splits Jury 9 to 3

Six workers, who defended themselves in Judge Schonfeld's court, proved that workers need not depend upon the legal tricks of lawyers.

Despite the repeated attempts of the kept judge to bar the real issues that brought the arrest of 24 workers on December 1st, the workers on trial brought out in unmistakable fashion, the whole class basis for the persecution of militant workers.

Mayor Rossi and Chief of Police Quinn were forced to testify by the defendants, who demanded from them a statement on the reasons for the police terror.

The jury after 3 hours deliberation stood 9 for acquittal and 3 for conviction. The judge was forced to discharge them. A new trial is set for January 27th. The rest of the cases will follow after that date. The International Labor Defense provided bail for all six workers.

## COLORADO MINERS ORGANIZING FOR NAT'L CONVENTION

Rocky Mountain Coal Robs  
Wages and Lays Off  
Workers; Suffering  
Intense

Colorado miners are beginning to fully understand the strike breaking tactics of the United Mine Workers of America, and are lining up with the National Miners Union, a union that fights with the workers, not against them. A large delegation from the Colorado coal fields will be sent to the 3rd national convention of the National Miners Union, to be held in Pittsburgh, February.

The growing militancy of the Colorado miners, culminating in their Union has been brought about by the frightful conditions in the coal fields and the trickery of the A. F. of L. fakers. Although the workers in the Rocky Mountain Coal and Fuel Company already existing on starvation wages, the officials of the United Mine Workers of America forced through a check-off of 50 per cent of the miners wages for three months to "save the company." This is the same company that murdered six workers and wounded 21 in November 1927 strike at Walsburg.

## BIG WAGE CUT

The mines are working part time and wages in many places have been cut 20 per cent. However the prices, the charge for groceries, clothing and rent remain at the high level they were in 1920. Payday for the miners brings them nothing but white papers listing their indebtedness to the company.

The suffering this winter has been intense. The miners' families are freezing for lack of fuel and existing on only the scantiest rations of food. The children are without clothing and most of them are forced to stay out of school because of lack of money for school supplies.

The conditions are unspeakable. But the workers are demanding better conditions for themselves and their families. In this fight they look to the leadership of the National Miners Union—the union for the workers, against the bosses.

—Workers Correspondent.

## Rolph Admits 300 Men in Prison Only For Lack of Jobs

In a speech before the Woodland High School Governor Rolph stated that it is impossible to grant any further paroles to eligible prisoners as there are no jobs available for them. He said:

"There are 300 men in two California prisons eligible for parole but cannot be released because there are no jobs available."

He also declared that there are too many free citizens who need jobs.

Rolph's plan is to keep prisoners in the jails and to create forced labor camps to take care of the "free citizens" who can't find employment. It would be too expensive to free men from prisons on paroles only to transfer them to the forced labor camps for being "guilty of unemployment."

During his entire speech the Governor never once showed any appreciation of the barbaric actions that he was telling about. On the contrary this smug representative of big capital interests in California seemed to think that he was accomplishing a "benevolent" act.

## Cotton Pickers Get 50 Cents Per Day in Arizona

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 30, 1931.  
Dear Editor:

In crossing the state of Arizona I came across the most vicious exploitation of agricultural workers. For picking 100 lbs. of cotton they get paid only 50c. Experienced pickers can hardly pick more than 100 lbs. per day. Especially now, when the mornings are cold and they cannot start working until the frost melts, which is about 9 o'clock. They tear their clothes and all they get is 50c. Many make as low as 35c per day.

The cotton growers' association works hand in hand with the associated charities. Whenever an unemployed family comes to ask for aid, they are sent over to the cotton growers' association, and if they refuse to work for 50c per 100 lbs., they are denied any relief, thereby forcing the workers to accept low starvation wages. The workers are completely disorganized, but are disgusted with the existing conditions and are ready to listen to an organizer of the Agricultural Workers Union. If one is sent out here, he surely will get support.

—Worker Correspondent.



## FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

### Cuban Workers and Soldiers in Revolt

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 16—Establishment of a brutal iron bound military dictatorship over Camaguey province was announced here last week.

Forty soldiers were arrested for "insubordination," two of whom were reputed to have been shot.

No one is allowed to be on the streets after midnight, and a complete press censorship has been clamped down.

Camaguey province is in the center of the rich sugar cane growing region dominated by American corporations. The wage cutting and firing campaign carried on by these corporations has been fiercest in Camaguey province, and the workers in the sugar mills have answered this by a series of militant strikes.

### New Terror Against Rebels in Chile and Peru

SANTIAGO, Chile, Jan. 15—Increased terror against the revolutionary workers and peasants was seen in the recent government decree, providing heavy penalties against any expression of discontent with the starvation conditions now maintained throughout the country.

Directed particularly against workers in the army and navy, the emergency laws are for the purpose of stifling the growing wave of revolutionary indignation among the soldiers and sailors, at the recent execution in the navy.

Raids against working class organizations have been in progress since Christmas. Vicious attacks have been made against Communist Party headquarters. All army and air corps reserves have been ordered to report for active duty to suppress the revolting peasants in Atacama province.

An investigation was also begun of the teachers in the primary schools who supported the poor peasants.

LIMA, Peru, Jan. 15—A law, similar to that put through recently in Chile, was proposed in the National Assembly here.

The measure, directed against the recent peasant rising at Trujillo and Hualgayoc, imposed heavy fines for circulating leaflets about the unemployment and starvation conditions in the country.

### Soldiers and Workers Fraternize in Spain Portugal Struggles

SPAIN, Jan. 2—Military struggles here and in Portugal are an indication of the widespread discontent of the workers and peasants, and their determination to fight against oppressive conditions imposed on them by the government.

A series of peasant uprisings in the vicinity of Badajoz resulted in six deaths and many injuries. In San Sebastian, three men were badly wounded and a number of others received injuries when the police charged a group of workers, gathered at military headquarters to demand the release of several soldiers facing court martial proceedings.

In northern Portugal, motor bus and taxicab traffic was paralyzed today by a sudden strike after the government refused the drivers' demands for higher wages. The driver of a bus at Oporto was killed and five passengers were wounded. The government has threatened the strikers with deportation to African colonies.

### MODESTO NOTES SHOW ACTIVE ORGANIZATION

MODESTO, Jan. 5—I am a waitress. The only work I can get is a job in a 20c hash-house. I am forced to work 11 hours in return for stale food for myself, one child and a brother. There is no other pay. I want to know how many other workers in a like condition will organize to fight against such rotten conditions. We can't go on this way.

An inclosed note says the writer can show 12 families that did not get a single thing from any of the relief charities even for Christmas that the Christians holler so much about—and some workers had nothing but what they bummed from warehouses, and that was not fit for food.

In Stanislaus County around Modesto and Turlock the Dairies pay at most \$30 a month, and work their slaves from six a.m. till nine at night. No such thing as a day off. John Bigberman of Keyes, Cal., is one of the worst slave drivers I have worked for but is only one of the many. A Worker.

John Tulley, main boss-brute of the Cal-Bonita Land Co., operating through the Bank of Italy of Modesto, is working men cutting wood for thirty-five cents a tier. Tulley is holding back 35c of the earned wages to tie the slaves to the jobs so they won't walk off till the wood is all cut, which will be long after the Revolution takes place if he has his way.

Tulley told us workers that he did not give a darn whether our wives and families had anything to eat or not. He said he was getting his living. "To hell with the rest of them."

—Workers Correspondent.

Workers are here sleeping under the railroad bridge, men and women alike. We held a successful meeting here and aroused the workers to the need of joining the Agricultural Workers Ind. Union, to fight for better conditions next year on the jobs. No more sleeping on rocks without blankets and going hungry. We want to join the Hunger March. Does it pass through Modesto?

### Hands Off The "Soviet Union" By F. Winigan.



### FIRE MATSON MEN IN T. S. U. GRAFT

Rehiring Old Men Gets Union  
Fakers Only \$1.00 in Dues;  
Hiring New Men Brings  
\$5.00

Using the charge of "inefficiency" as an excuse, the Matson Line is firing 10 to 14 members of the crew every trip.

Individuals of the crew deny inefficiency, and charge the company with over work, painting the ship while at sea, long hours and insufficient shore leave.

When signing on, the new crew is forced to pay \$5.00 initiation fee to the Seamen's Union. If the old crew were allowed to sign on instead of being fired for inefficiency, they would only have to pay \$1.00 in dues. That makes a \$4.00 increase in the fakers' income for every new member of the crew that replaces the inefficient one. This would increase the income per ship to the T. S. U. by \$40.00 to \$56.00.

Maybe Mr. Cox, assistant port steward of the Matson Company, and Mr. McClenchy, delegate to the T. S. U. can throw some light on why so much inefficiency in the steward department of the Sonoma, Sierra and Ventura.

### NEW WAGE CUTS AND LAYOFFS IN BUTTE MINES

Stagger System Puts Men on  
Half Time; Aim to Main-  
tain Dividends

BUTTE, Mon., Jan. 18—Closing down of the Tramway mine here, one of the largest operations of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company, has resulted in the inauguration of the stagger system at all of the company's mines.

The notice posted by the company stated that "as far as possible the men employed at this mine will be given part time work at the remaining operating mines." Already on a curtailed operating schedule at all mines, this close-down results in further wage cuts for the miners.

The company's statement continued that "because of the extremely low market demand for copper" it had been decided to close down the Tramway line. To take care, as far as possible, of the large number of men released by the shut-down it will be necessary to reduce the working time of all workers to approximately half time, the statement said.

—Workers Correspondent.

### CUT IN BUILDING WAGES IN PORTLAND ASKED BY A. F. L.

Bosses Propose Cut and Re-  
actionary Fakers Try to  
Suppress Militants  
Who Oppose It

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 18—Calling upon the workers in the Portland building trades to resist the sell-out tactics of the American Federation of Labor, the Trade Union Unity League issued a statement exposing the sham battle being engaged in by the A. F. of L. and the building trades bosses. Pledging support of the Unemployed Councils, the statement urged the building trades workers to fight the "arbitration" method by which the A. F. of L. misleaders propose to force through a possible 25 per cent wage reduction.

A. F. of L. Wants Cut

Following announcement by the Construction Employers' Association of a 25 per cent wage cut, the local A. F. of L. unions agreed to accept a 10 per cent decrease. The employers' association refused the A. F. L. proposal for a 10 per cent cut but agreed to "arbitrate" with the A. F. L.

Preparing the workers to accept whatever decision the board of conciliation consisting of boss agents and A. F. of L. misleaders, might hand down, a mass meeting of building trades workers was called. No militant workers were allowed to speak at this meeting, the floor being monopolized by the A. F. of L. machine and a preacher with impassioned pleas to the workers to be peaceful and docile.

Join T. U. U. L. in Fight  
Against Cuts

It is expected that the conciliation board will accept a cut of at least 17 1/2 per cent, as a compromise.

The Trade Union Unity League is carrying on an intensive fight to organize the building trades workers on an industrial basis and calls upon workers of all crafts to organize in the Building Trades Workers Industrial League. Only in this way will these workers be able to combat the scabbing of one craft upon another and defeat the A. F. L. in its attempt to sell out to the bosses.

### GANDHI GETS ARRESTED A LITTLE

By STEPHEN PEACOCK

Wearing his dhotis at half-mast, Mahatma Gandhi was taken on Jan. 4, from his tent on top of a tenement house at Bombay, and hustled off to the house in a limousine, charged with saying naughty words and stamping his foot.

At the time of arrest he refused to make any statement. At 3 A. M., by arrangement with Gandhi's publicity agent, the police knocked on the door and asked if he was ready. He responded by smiling at the officer, and showing his Pullman teeth—two uppers and three lowers. The reason for his silence was that it was Monday and he never talks on Monday—his wife can't stand it.

He responded to questions by writing notes which he tore from a roll of thin, perforated paper, or, by making signs, such as shrugging

This striking statement was met with cheers by his wife, secretary, grandmother and his goat.

Only one unpleasant incident occurred on this long trip to the jail. A number of Gandhi's followers were misled into thinking that he did not want to be arrested. Several thousand of them blockaded the road and rushed upon the policemen. Gandhi thereupon made a great show of protest by waving a featherduster at his "captors."

The police fought back desperately, using two whole cans of talcum powder. White with the heat of struggle, Gandhi stopped the fight and sent a note to his followers which read, "Don't worry about me. I will be well taken care of by the British Government. God by his infinite mercy will take care of the masses. I am ready to have a million of you shot in my cause."

Gandhi's arrival at the jail was a gala affair. They had reserved the same room he occupied on his last visit. It contained a kitchenette, shower bath and ironing board. Huge crates of dates were stacked in a corner, and a special brand of goat's milk in a ten gallon crock was under the bed, marked "goat's milk" lest someone mistake a pot in such a location as being for other purposes. The spinning wheel, newly oiled and decorated, stood near the window with the southern exposure.

"Hail, Hail, The Gang's All Here" Before the first day in prison had passed, Gandhi, after deep concentration and heavy thinking, laid out the following program and guide to his followers in overthrowing the British Government:

- 1—Never drink goat's milk from a glass that smells of herring.
- 2—Fur-lined dhotis should not be worn in summer.
- 3—In resisting a police attack, never tickle under the arms.
- 4—Workers and peasants should show their indignation against Imperialism by refusing absolutely to eat, sleep or drink. Only by denial and sacrifice would they achieve a victory—unless they starved to death in the meantime.
- 5—Goat's milk and dates should be



his hips, wriggling his scalp, or wriggling his ears.

Prepare For Unexpected Arrest

The arrest was not unexpected. He had been warned years ago that he would get pinched if he didn't quit bootlegging salt. Since that time the police have been looking for him—like they look for Al Capone in the U. S. A. He just missed arrest a few months ago while having his dhotis washed in a White-U-Wait joint at the lake. He barely escaped at that time by hiding behind his goat, which was parked nearby in the bull-rushes.

He was given a half hour to pack, but had twenty-nine and one-half minutes to spare. He awoke fully dressed—and it took him just 15 seconds to fold up his sheet. His other belongings were already packed and waiting for the unexpected arrest.

Gandhi emerged from the tent flanked by his trusted wife, Mrs. Gandhi, and his secretary, Miss Slade. His secretary was in front and his faithful goat behind.

Gets Leadership From Kautsky

Among his prized possessions were a fountain syringe, a bag of dates, and two books, which he had acquired recently in England. One was the "Class Struggle" by Kautsky, a present from Ramsay MacDonald; the other was "What Every Young Man Should Know," by Bernard McPadden.

Goat Smells Pathos of  
Situation

Pathetic indeed was Gandhi's parting with his family and friends. His secretary fell upon her knees—and kissed his feet. His wife was hysterical and held onto his garment. Even the goat seemed to smell the pathos in the situation—in his grief the noble animal almost consumed the whole of Gandhi's paper.

Just before Gandhi entered the limousine for the long ride they all sat down in the middle of the street and sang a new hymn composed by Mrs. Gandhi, entitled



"You May Get My Gander, But You Can't Get His Goat."

As the machine started Gandhi scribbled a note and handed it to his secretary to be given to the president of the Nationalist Congress. It read: "Dear Moshe, Tell my people not to get violent. In order to achieve Swaraj and Moksha (in Hindustani this means independence) they must sacrifice, suffer and starve—everything but fight. Only roughnecks and Bolsheviks fight, and I am neither, thank you."

"You Can Shoot a Million  
People—I Should Worry"



good for constipation, a disease which curses the Nationalists and hinders their activity.

He also recommended an immediate program made necessary by the emergency. These desperate measures included tree-sitting, marathon dancing and spelling bees.

P. S.—Last reports indicate that the masses, who formerly were fascinated by the burlesque, are now leaving Gandhi and with arms in their hands are taking up the struggle to drive British Imperialism out and establish a Soviet India.

### Call All Workers to Fight Deportation of Comrade Bergren

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 4—Nils Bergren, Swedish-born young worker of Portland, has been ordered deported for membership in the International Labor Defense. The immigration authorities, R. P. Bonhan, in Portland, used the clause about "violent organizations" against the I.L.D.

Despite the fact that no witnesses for the government could prove that Communist and I.L.D. literature was the same, this is used by the immigration authorities for "evidence." The I.L.D. rents the Workers Hall, 191 3rd street and the C. P. U. S. A. maintains a book case with its own agent responsible for it. This was clearly shown as was the fact that various workers' organizations sub-rented the hall.

The immigration authorities called in the landlord and he told them, "You know the I. L. D. is not the C. P." He stated that the I. L. D. paid their rent and he did not care to be annoyed by government authorities.

This is the first attempt to outlaw the I. L. D. which protects foreign-born workers. Workers and workers' organizations everywhere must protest now to R. P. Bonhan, Immigration Office, Portland, Ore. and to infamous Doak at Washington.

—Worker Correspondent.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND THE WESTERN WORKERS

By LANGAW-KALABAW

Mr. Hearst is against "internationalism." He is for "Americans minding their own business." That is, except where they can mind other people's business at a profit.

The old hypocrite is conducting through his papers a drive for Garner as a democratic nominee for president, on the basis that Garner is "American" and would not get mixed up in affairs in other countries. But at the same moment he uses his papers on the west coast calling for more marines in Hawaii, in an attempt to work up a lynch sentiment against some natives who are accused of raping a white woman. It is peculiar that these rape charges—in Hawaii, in the South of the U. S. A., or anywhere for that matter—usually appear when great discontent is expressed by the oppressed people and are quickly used to terrorize the population into silence.

### "Drink Christian Blood" Pogroms

When we were in the U. S. S. R., Jewish people told us that pogroms in old Russia usually began with a rumor that Jews were drinking Christian blood in festivals. Rape is an Americanization by our rulers of the "Drink Christian Blood" fabrication in old Russia.

We feel a deep indignation and disgust with rapists. Every worker shares this feeling. But the plutes who are living off the backs of the Filipino, Hawaiian, Negro or other people are the worst rapists there are.

Who that has been in the colonies does not know that the white masters, especially the cynical sales agents of big corporations and the officer class are the vilest offenders against native womanhood. And who does not know that the charge of rape against Negroes and other workers of non-white races has always been invented as an excuse to lynch and terrorize the oppressed people?

And for Mr. Hearst with his personal moral history to get indignant over an alleged rape in Hawaii is sheer hypocrisy!

### A Big Navy—For What?

This same Mr. Hearst, who believes in "minding his own business," is the most jingoist advocate of a huge navy in the Pacific. Especially are his editors ballyhoing the coming war practice against Hawaii and the eastern shores of Asia. All—all apparently

### Hearst Defends Womanhood!—Pogroms Against Hawaiians—Organize Against War, Now!—Sunnyvale, A Valley of Death—British Terror Reaches Into California—Wall Street Becomes Philanthropic—Not So Strange Bedmates

in the name of stay-at-home-Americanism.

Of course his support of Mr. Garner is predicated upon different matters than those which he announces. Mr. Hearst in recent years has tremendously increased his riches through the building of Boulder Dam which is turning his desert holdings in the Southwest into rich lands, and increasing the value of his land through the building of roads with convict labor. These things he could never have gained without the help of leading capitalist politicians. We wonder what Mr. Garner did for Mr. Hearst in this connection?

### Anti-Internationalism and Misery

What has this meant for the western workers? Increased taxes which many farmers and small home owning workers could not meet and lost their farms and homes thereby; it has meant increased suffering by Filipino and Hawaiian workers on the Pacific coast against whom this race prejudice is being developed; it has meant a greater burden for the workers.

It is significant—this hook-up between Mr. Hearst's anti-"internationalism," his support of Mr. Garner, and his self-enrichment at the expense of tolling masses of the West.

Revolutionary workers are not against internationalism. Certainly we do not mean the "internationalism" of Hoover or Roosevelt, concerning which Hearst speaks. We are internationalists in the true sense of the word as spoken in the Communist Manifesto.

We are the workers of all countries who have this in common—that we have nothing to lose but our chains—and through international unity and struggle under the leadership of the Communist International, we have five-sixths more of the world to gain.

Germany Cancels War Debts  
France Masses Troops on Border  
U. S. Sends Warning to Japan  
Japan Marches to South of  
China Wall

These are only some of the thousands of similar headlines in the

capitalist press in the past two weeks. Comrades! It is a race between the approach of imperialist war and the growth of workers' organization in order to fight against such war.

Wake up! Only revolutionary organization and struggle will defeat imperialist war. Organize! Anti-war talk without organization is pacifist piffle. Organize! Join the Communist Party!

### Sunnyvale—An Anti-Soviet War Base

The city of San Francisco has appropriated \$250,000.00 to be given to the Chamber of Commerce for the Sunnyvale dirigible base. And who do you think will pay that \$250,000.00 to the city of San Francisco? The workers, of course! But the unemployed will still be told that their demands are "exorbitant and impossible." And why must we have a Sunnyvale Dirigible base? To go to war with other countries, especially to attack the Soviet Union, via Vladivostok. Our only answer is to organize and fight against this. To organize—Join the Communist Party!

The Indian revolutionary movement is developing at a tremendous tempo. In Bombay 12,000 workers are reported to have stormed the city police station and freed three political prisoners. Gandhi, who believes in "peace" safely esconced behind the steel gates of "prison" with his spinning wheel, private dairy and bath tub, declared with a gesture of big-heartedness that he is "ready to have one million people killed for independence." Under the leadership of the Communist Party and its supporting organizations a struggle is developing to kill British imperialism and to secure independence. It is not accidental that Gandhi agrees to be arrested and now reposes in a comfortable castle, where he himself says he is "a pampered prisoner" while the struggle rages on the outside.

Real revolutionary leaders, like Lenin, did not arrange with the police to arrest them when the critical moment came. On the contrary he worked in conspirative fashion and risked his life to insure his participation in the struggle. But Gandhi is a faker while Lenin was the leader of the oppressed masses of the world.

### British and U. S. Anti-Indian Terrorism

In California the authorities are helping the British oppressors and nationalist betrayers by attacking militant Hindus on the charge that they are Communists. Because of a campaign of murder carried on by the rival stool pigeons of the British government, the U. S. immigration authorities are imprisoning members of the Hindustan Revolutionary Party, charging them with complicity.

The Hindustan Gadar Party is not a Communist Party. But of all Hindustan organizations in the U. S. A. it has the nearest approach to a correct revolutionary program. It is for this reason that they are singled out for victimization.

There are thousands of Hindu farmers and farm laborers in the west. Militant workers must bring them into the agricultural unions and other organizations of the working class. Every western worker must express his protest against the attacks on the members of the Hindustan Gadar Party and demand the release of all the prisoners by the immigration and state authorities.

### Steckel "Arrests" Aristophanes

If there is an extreme of stupidity—the Los Angeles police will achieve it. That has become axiomatic. It is the comic relief to the bitterness of terror which exists there.

Several years ago the police chief in Budapest found a pamphlet by William Liebknecht called "No Compromise." The chief was shocked by the revolutionary sentiments expressed therein and immediately issued a warrant for Liebknecht's arrest. His running dogs were surprised to learn that Liebknecht had been dead several decades.

But the Los Angeles police always get the record. The very moral L. A. police department boasts a sadistic Captain Hayes, the worst wife beater in the west. Now chief Steckel, the "innocent," raided a play called Lysistrata.

There were low lines in it, at least so the semiliterate chief says. And who wrote the lines? Naturally, the author! The police thereby issued a warrant for the author's arrest, a foreigner called Aristophanes—who died several centuries ago.

And the people of Los Angeles are at the mercy of such idiots! Capitalist idiocy is indeed international.

### Big Scale Robbery

History repeats itself. Hegel said "first as a tragedy and then as a farce." But when they involve the operations of international capitalist robbers it is always a tragedy.

British history stinks with the operations of the East India Company in the 18th and 19th centuries. But we have grave doubts whether it ever reached the low barbaric level of the operations of U. S. finance capital in South America in recent years. East India Company robbed the Indians, which was bad enough—but the U. S. banks are robbing not only the South American peoples but also the inhabitants of the U. S.

These facts are now being exposed in an investigation brought on in the Senate by a fight between various groups of capitalists. On the one hand, Hiram Johnson of the west representing local western finance interests such as the Giannini administration in Transamerica Corporation—and on the other hand the Wall Street, big-shot thieves.

### Wall Street Philanthropy

When opportunities for profitable investments in South America were small the Wall Street banks made "loans" to Peru and other alleged republics which were obviously not repayable or profitable. If a puppet president demanded a cut—he got it. Then the son of Leguia, the president of Peru, got a present of one half million dollars. This sounds like charity all around, with Wall Street as the philanthropist. But here's the rub! The brokers then sold bonds to cockroach investors and got a big slice for it—in one case one com-



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### "Birds of a Feather...."

What a howl of rage the whole capitalist press has raised against the Hunger March. The Chronicle of San Francisco demands police terror against "professional hunger marchers." As to the angle of "professionalism" we leave that to the 60,000 workers who participated in the election of the delegates to answer. The Chronicle also complains that the demonstration was not a "spontaneous" outburst but "carefully prepared and organized." Naturally the Chronicle does not like organization of the masses. For the future we look for greater organization and greater militancy. He who depends on spontaneity, whether inside or outside of the revolutionary movement, is playing the game of the Chronicle and the bosses for whom the Chronicle speaks.

#### The Bankruptcy of Liberalism

The Scripps-Howard News always styles itself "liberal." But scratch a liberal and capitalist blood appears. At first the News tried to win the marchers with what appeared to be friendly talk. On the day of the arrival of the delegates a bundle of the Daily News was given free to the Hunger Marchers, we assume to show friendliness. But that was when the News thought the workers would accept the refusal of the governor in silence. But when his insolent letter was answered by the Marchers with a tremendous anti-capitalist government demonstration, the News got nervous and beat a hasty retreat into the camp of its boss associate, the Chronicle. In its editorial the next day the News says that "the Marchers will alienate relief" by such tactics as refusing to listen to Rolph's speech at the State Building.

#### Rolph Plays with the Lives of Starving Workers

Rolph's insincerity was made clear by the fact that he refused to hand his written reply to the delegation elected by the unemployed, but insisted on making a radio speech for self publicity purposes. Such playing around with the lives of starving men, women and children has long ago disillusioned thousands upon thousands of workers as to the intentions of the government to voluntarily relieve the widespread suffering which exists.

#### And Besides!

The News tries to forget several things. Maybe they will allow themselves to be reminded:

- 1—The Marchers already knew Rolph's answer to their demands. He categorically rejected them in his telegram cancelling his appointment to meet the Marchers.
- 2—That this was the third time that Rolph wanted to answer the plea for food and shelter and unemployment insurance with a speech which in substance heaped abuse on the militant unemployed and gave the whole of the unemployed nothing but promises. Naturally the unemployed are sick of his speeches.
- 3—That several days prior to the March, Rolph's local agents began a campaign of terror against the Marchers and Rolph supported it by silence (maybe with secret instructions). During the chairman of the State Hunger Marchers, was arrested and held "for investigation" on \$1,000 bail. After the bail was raised the charge was changed to "insanity." In Madera, Monterey County, and in the darkest of all cities, Los Angeles, brutal attacks were made on the marchers and workers were sent to hospitals because of the beatings they received; etc., etc.

Does Rolph think the unemployed are so stupid that they do not understand these answers? Or is it that the News is overlooking important facts in order to protect Rolph and the system of hunger and misery which he represents?

Rolph's insults in the answer delivered to the Unemployed Convention prove that the unemployed judged correctly in refusing to listen to him.

#### Bigger Struggle Ahead

The unemployed workers of California have shown splendid militancy and discipline on January 11! We must now carry the struggle forward!

### Wage Cuts Can Be Defeated Only By Organized Struggle!

Reports of wage cuts are becoming so common that the boss press no longer regards it as news. In too many cases the A. F. L. fakers have had a very easy time in defeating the workers who wanted to fight the cut. The same is true of company unions. And where the workers are completely unorganized the example of the A. F. L. held up to them by the bosses, coupled with the threat of lockout and terror, frequently prevented the workers from expressing the militant resistance which was in them.

#### Always Organize! Especially Now!

There are some cases in point which show with startling clarity the dangers in the present situation. In the Shopcrafts Association—a railroad union with A. F. L. and Brotherhood endorsement—one of the locals, typical for many, held a meeting to discuss the wage cut. Every worker without exception who was present expressed himself against the cut, and for a struggle to defeat it. Yet at the end of the meeting the chairman did not allow a vote but declared the cut accepted! It was clearly the duty of the revolutionary workers present, who so excellently mobilized the sentiment of the workers present against the cut, to collect names, addresses and other contacts in order to organize for struggle. This crucial moment was missed! Now that the cut is already carried through, organization becomes harder. Yet it is more favorable than it has ever been. Especially since the Southern Pacific is preparing a new cut, to maintain dividends.

#### Workers Will Fight If Prepared

On the Stockton River the men on some of the ships received a 15 per cent cut. Here a militant union exists. Yet because of lack of preparation for such a struggle the men decided that a strike could not be successful. A similar situation exists in the needle industry both in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Lack of preparation for struggle! Workers want to fight against lowering their standard of living. But obviously cannot fight without the most important weapon—understanding and organization.

#### Today—Now! Prepare to Strike!

Today, now—every militant worker, in every union of workers, and in every shop where no organization exists must prepare to strike against wage cuts! Even if at that moment the cut has already been carried through or has not been made, organize against wage cuts! Don't take the example from the A. F. L. bureaucrats who are purposely passive in order to paralyze action. Prepare now with organization in militant unions and groups of the Trade Union Unity League to fight wage cuts.

### Answer Rolph's Insults



## Independent Farmer Transformed Into Tenant

By H. PURO

The rapid transformation of the former "independent farmer" into tenancy is taking place as the agrarian crisis deepens in conjunction with the general economic crisis of American capitalism. Even the Federal Bureau of Agricultural Economics is compelled to admit this fact in publishing the results of its nationwide survey.

The figures of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reveal that forced sales or farms through financial default rose to 26.1 per 1000, compared with 20.8 in 1929-30. At the same time there was a marked decrease in voluntary sales of farms and an increase in the demands for farms to rent.

#### Foreclosures Increase

This means that 26.1 farms out of every thousand went through foreclosure, tax sale, sale in bankruptcy or other loss of ownership. It should be understood that these figures include only those cases where the sheriff has actually conducted the forced sale. In addition to these, the so-called "voluntary" sales are actually, in a majority of cases, forced sales. That is, a farmer whose position has become increasingly impossible, is compelled to dispose of his property whenever he succeeds in finding a buyer.

But even taking into account these so-called "voluntary" forced sales, we do not get full figures on the process of this transformation of independent farmers into tenancy. For we know that tens, perhaps hundreds of thousands of farmers are allowed to stay on their farms just because the creditors of these farmers find that due to the declining value of farms, they are not able to realize enough money by forced sales. In many of these cases, farmers are allowed to remain and the creditors try to get whatever they can from the farmers.

This driving of the independent farmers from their lands is accomplished by the increased robbery of the toiling farmers by the bankers, railroad companies, implement companies; in the form of

usurious rents; high interest loans; exorbitant railroad freights; high prices to farmers for the commodities they have to buy; manipulating the prices of farmers' products; added tax burdens imposed on the shoulders of the toiling farmers by the County, State and Federal Government.

What shall the farmers do in this situation? Capitalism is forcing them, together with the work-

ers to carry the whole burden of the economic crisis.

#### Taxes Increase

For years the American farmers have appealed for assistance from state and federal governments through capitalist politicians who have promised to take up their grievances in the legislatures and Congress. But their appeals and demands have been turned down

every time, while the government has refunded billions of dollars in back tax payments to the big bankers and industrialists and has been busy increasing the railroad rates, giving hundreds of millions of dollars to the bankers in order to enable them to tighten their hold upon the toiling farmers in the form of loans. And while the taxes of big bankers, corporations and rich landowners have been continually lowered, the taxes of the toiling farmers have gone constantly upward.

Nothing else can be expected from the capitalist government. It is the government that always guards the interests of the capitalist class. It is the government that does everything to assist the capitalist class and oppress the toiling masses of workers and farmers.

#### Organize!

The only course for the toiling farmers is to organize themselves to fight and struggle against this robbery and oppression. By organizing into the United Farmers League, which is a fighting organization of toiling farmers, the toilers of the land can put up a powerful mass struggle against foreclosures, evictions, against tax burdens, for immediate relief and for confiscation of land of the big landowners. While the robbery of the capitalist class cannot be stopped under the capitalist system, we have witnessed in many cases that through organization and mass struggle, the toiling farmers have been able to prevent at least temporarily, sheriff's sales and evictions, also they have compelled officials to halt tax-collection and to give temporary relief to destitute farmers.

But the organization and struggle of the toiling farmers for their immediate demands has a greater value in that through these struggles they will gain valuable experience and strength which will prepare them, in alliance with the workers, to prepare for the final struggle for the overthrow of the capitalist system of robbery and exploitation and replace it by the farmers' government.

### THE CRISIS IN COLORADO

Conditions in Colorado are rivaling those in Kentucky, Pennsylvania and West Virginia mine fields. Mass starvation is facing the miners of this state.

A wage cut of 20 per cent was put through in the mines of western and southern parts of the state, and a general cutting of miners' wages is taking place throughout Colorado. The average wage in the mine district is \$3 to \$4 per day.

To add to the suffering of the workers, most of the mines are working part time—many only 3 days a week. Twelve dollars a week to shelter, feed and clothe a miner's family! This explains the reports of death and starvation coming from Colorado.

Workers in other branches of industry suffer corresponding wage cuts and layoffs. Western manufacturing figures, which show a 16 per cent reduction of forces during the year 1930-1931 and a total reduction of the pay-roll of 27.4 per cent, show that Colorado industrial workers are starving along with the miners.

In Denver, the mining machinery plants are operating on a 4 day week and with considerably reduced forces. Flour mills are working only part time, a cart wheel factory closed releasing over a hundred men, building activities decreased, and the situation in general is desperate.

Agricultural workers here are suffering from the same miserable conditions which face agricultural workers all over the country. The situation is especially bad among the sugar beet workers. The conditions in this industry are unspeakable, children working from 9 to 14 hours a day.

The bulk of the workers in the beet fields are Mexicans who have been brought into the country on a contract basis. They are forced to buy their supplies at company stores, and due to an elaborate system of fines, the company can deduct many dollars from their wages each month. Often, even though the whole family works in the fields, a family ends the season in debt to the company. This results in a system of peonage that holds the workers in virtual slavery to the company bosses.

The State of Colorado presents a frightful picture of starvation and misery.

## WORKERS ORGANIZATION

### Opportunism in Shop Work and the Struggle Against It

BY MIKE DANIELS  
(East Bay Section)

The section is confronted with the following immediate tasks:

A. Putting our shop units on a functioning basis.

B. Developing mass work in the shops.

C. Building up new shop units and reviving old ones.

The Oakland Southern Pacific Railroad shop unit, with a membership of ten, rarely had more than three attending meetings. The C. & H. unit in Crockett went on a vacation for three weeks. The reason given was that the meeting place was not available, and that the comrades were watched very closely by the company stool pigeons, making it very hard to hold meetings. The situation was so grave that only a few weeks ago surprise was

expressed that the unit still was in existence. The Oakland Section Committee took up the question as one of the utmost importance for our section. It drew into its ranks, four shop workers, and began a systematic daily visiting of our shop comrades.

In addition to the poor functioning of the units, the following factors can be attributed to our failure to develop mass work in the shops:

(a) Wrong methods of work.

(b) Incorrect interpretation of the bosses' maneuvers and slowness in acting against them.

At the C. & H. Sugar Refinery in Crockett, a worker was injured during work hours, and was cheated out of his insurance by the company. The leading comrade of the unit, instead of working on a detailed program around this griev-

ance, and using the shop unit as a basis for the first group of our grievance committee, proceeded only with street meetings and publicity in the shop bulletin. This wrong method of work, in the course of a couple of months, hampered the initiative of the shop unit to the extent that only two members out of the six are showing up at meetings. In Crockett, the American Legion and the Millonaire Lions Club, due to our continuous agitation for unemployment insurance, opened up a woodyard and a soup kitchen. The shop unit put out a big headline in the shop bulletin appealing to the workers: "WORKERS! REFUSE TO GET CHARITY FROM OUR ENEMIES."

This heading was corrected in time, showing that our struggle must be increased in order to win

BY KIRBY



AMERICA'S SIBERIAN ADVENTURE, by Major General William S. Graves, U. S. A., published by Jonathan Cape and Harrison Smith, New York City.

It is indeed rare for us to recommend a book written by a pro-capitalist author. Yet we do in this case. That General Graves does not understand politics with the mind of Lenin's pupils is a shortcoming which becomes immediately obvious. But because General Graves, as commander of the U. S. Army in Siberia during the intervention, now exposes a wealth of facts concerning that imperialist adventure, his book becomes of first rate importance as a source of factual material contributing to the history of American imperialism's activity against the Soviet Union.

#### Wilson, the Hypocritical Phrase-Monger

The hypocritical President Wilson, whose chief skill lay in being able to mouth the beautifully worded phrases to accompany his imperialist undertakings, is exposed here despite the fact that General Graves believed in Wilson and even now defends him.

While Wilson was making fancy speeches to the public about his altruistic intentions in Soviet Russia, the State Department, on November 5, 1918 (one year after the Bolshevik Revolution) wired to the American Consul General that he "was authorized not only to keep in personal touch, if possible, with local governments, but to permit consular officers under him to give aid and advice to these governments." But that the United States was not yet prepared to recognize any new Central Government in Russia.

Because the local governments at this time, especially where U. S. consular officials were, were white guards and because the Central Government was Bolshevik the intention of this instruction exposes Wilson's lying 14 points and his talk about non-interference and self-determination.

#### Wilson's Reactionary Idealism

The only difference between Wilson's intervention policy and that of the Japanese, British, etc., arose out of the conflicting imperialist ambitions of the various powers. Wilson, the reactionary idealist, hoped to force all countries into a world imperialist alliance, in which the U. S. had hegemony and over which he himself would preside. In order to accomplish this he knew he would have to defeat some of the Allied governments either in war or diplomacy. And very frequently he would throw his weight in various countries in favor of one ruling group or another as suited his purpose. In his intervention in Soviet Russia he tried to play the same game. He felt he expected he would be able to induce the Bolshevik leaders to betray in favor of his "idealistic" scheme, just as he succeeded with

the social democrats in Germany. But he did not know the Bolshevik Party as the world has since learnt to know it.

#### Kolchak—The U. S. Imperialist Puppet

When Wilson realized that the Bolsheviks were incorruptible he threw his support to Kolchak and Semenov, whom General Graves exposes as the most bloody murderers without parallel in history. Especially is this interesting in face of the fact that today this same General Semenov is organizing White Guard forces (with whose help?) in Mongolia for war against the U. S. S. R.

#### Class Against Class Without Borders

Throughout the book one must read between the lines and otherwise seek facts to help make a correct class struggle interpretation of the intervention and blockade. But these can be easily found. Two facts stand out clearly:

In one part of the book (page 152) he shows how international groups disappear when the working class must be faced as the enemy. He points this out in connection with the sudden friendship between the two historically most bitter antagonists—monarchist Russians and Imperialist Japanese.

Notwithstanding some bitterness remained between the Japanese and the old Russian officer class due to the Russo-Japanese war, the position of the Russians was such that they were glad to accept support from Japan. The more Japan gave them the greater was their praise for her and her people.

#### Western Worker Militancy

In another place General Graves unconsciously pays tribute to the splendid militancy of the workers on the west coast. In the mobilization order that he received from Washington he was specifically instructed not to take recruits from the west, undoubtedly because they were too friendly to the Soviet Union. In part the order specifying the kinds of recruits reads:

The men should be strong, hardy, fit for service intended and should represent all parts of the United States; it being desired that they should not contain a large proportion of men from the Pacific Coast States.

#### Fight Against New War Preparations

A war against the Soviet Union is in preparation. Will we workers of the West be worthy of the militant heritage left us? Not only worthy—we must expect it by far! And we will! With organization under the leadership of the Communist party and with determined and planned struggle, we must defeat imperialist intervention in the U. S. S. R. before the troops leave—here in the U. S.—by the overthrow of boss class rule and establishing a workers and farmers government! S. D.

## MOVIE REVIEWS

THE YELLOW TICKET, El Capitan Theatre—in an effort to exonerate Capitalism, Hollywood exposes Czarist Police Bureaucracy and Conceals all other class issues.

This picture gives a Hollywood version of persecution under the Russian Czar. Political and economic conditions are not only broadly presented. There is not a single shot of the conditions of workers and peasants. The only upper class dealt with is the Police Bureaucracy, who are represented as the only cause of the Russian Revolution, together with, of course, the bad but inevitable Czar.

In order to present what it believes to be true persecution Hollywood selects the case of a rich Jewish family, in which the Grandfather is a rabbi, the father an imprisoned lover of all humanity, and the daughter, a pure village school teacher who buys a harlot's license, or yellow ticket, so that she can be free from travel restrictions against Jews, and can go visit papa in prison.

This gets her no end of trouble with the Czar's police, but she stays pure by becoming a traveling saleswoman for a soap and perfume Company, and in the end escapes by means of a bourgeois hero and an airplane into more advanced Capitalist countries that don't persecute rich Jews.

Hollywood selected this theme, of course, because it offers an opportunity to pander to Sex by pretending to expose prostitution. There are the usual shots of pros-

trities dressing, undressing, taking baths, etc.

But it also offered a chance to make it appear as if events in Russia were unrelated to the Class Struggle, and simply the consequences of the excesses of certain individuals. An illogical point of view, but very reassuring to Hollywood and its Capitalists.

## LENIN CORNER

"DOWN WITH THE WAR" does not mean that we must throw away our bayonets. It merely means the transfer of power to another class. The important point of the whole current situation is to teach this thing. The essence of Blanquism consisted in aspiring to a seizure of power based on a minority. With us the case is different. We are yet a minority, but we recognize the necessity of conquering the majority. As distinguished from the anarchists, we feel the need of the state in the transition to socialism. The Paris Commune has afforded us the pattern of a state of the type of the Soviet of Workers' Delegates—the direct authority of organized and armed workers—the dictatorship of the workers and peasants. The function of the soviets, the significance of this dictatorship, is the organized use of force against counter-revolution, the safeguarding of the achievements of the revolution in the interests of the majority and based on the majority.